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Dr Simon Clark - national accolade

National award for scientist

Report by **Kenny Parker**

West Lancs man is honoured for his cutting edge research into macular disease

A PIONEERING scientist who lives in Ormskirk has been chosen for a coveted national award by leading sight loss charity the Macular Society.

As previously reported in the Champion, Dr Simon Clark, 38, was nominated for Rising Star of the Year category in this year's Macular Society Awards for Excellence for his cutting edge research into macular disease.

Dr Clark, who is based at the University of Manchester's Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health, is originally from Edinburgh but he moved to Ormskirk to be closer to his family.

His work has focused on the links between a person's complement system (part of the immune system) and macular disease. Extensive laboratory work has helped Dr Clark and his team gain a much greater understanding of macular disease and they have developed a new drug for the condition called Coalexin which is set to begin clinical trials in the next two years. Alongside his pioneering research, Dr Clark was praised for his editorial and scientific contributions to a number of respected scientific journals, as well as his close collaboration with other universities throughout the world.

In addition, he has been helping inspire budding scientists by regularly hosting students at his laboratory, enabling them to learn more about macular disease.

Dr Clark said: "Although I knew I'd been shortlisted for the award, I really wasn't expecting to win, so it was a lovely surprise when the Macular Society rang to tell me.

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ORMSKIRK CYCLIST KILLED IN ANDORRA TRAINING TRAGEDY

AN ORMSKIRK-BASED cyclist has died on a training exercise in Andorra.

Richard Taylor, 32, who was a member of the Harry Middleton Cycling Club is believed to have been travelling down a hill during a ride in Ordino on Saturday, August 11 when he lost control.

A helicopter took him to hospital, but he died of his injuries.

Shocked memebers of Harry Middleton Cycling Club held an event in Richard's memory on Sunday. The event was a 10 mile ride along roads in Aughton.

A blog posted on the Harry Middleton Cycling Club's social media page paid the following tribute: "Rick always looked on the bright side and was totally immersed in the racing scene up in the North West.

Report by **Henry James**

"He was an ever present at races in the region, and if he wasn't racing he'd be holding a flag to stop traffic, or holding a can to toast the lifestyle that he clearly loved.

"Pedal dead hard was Rick's mantra."

Chorley Cycling Club road captain Stuart Crawford wrote the following tribute on their social media page: "It really is impossible to find anyone who would have a bad word to say about Rick. He was - in equal measures - hilarious, mad, strong, warm-hearted and selfless. Always ready to help out wherever he could - equally at home marshalling in the pouring rain as he was smashing his way off the front of local races.

"He was inspirational to everyone who races locally - having taken the bike up quite late in life. He gave hope to useless 'choppers' like me everywhere, that racing wasn't just a youngsters' game, and was always ready with some sensible advice (usually 'pedal dead hard' and 'always attack')

"More than all this, he was one of those blokes who could always make you laugh. **Continued on page 5**

Rick Taylor who died in a training accident in Andorra

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Church silhouettes to remember war fallen

Public invited to join 'life-size Tommies' at services in Lathom

Report by **Kenny Parker**

One of the silhouettes and the Tommy at Lathom Park Chapel.

LATHOM Park Chapel is inviting members of the public to view its installation of silhouettes representing fallen soldiers and to join in commemorating the First World War and subsequent conflicts.

The church, situated in the grounds of Lathom Park, is participating in the national project, *There But Not There*, which aims to commemorate those who died in the First World War through installations of silhouettes wherever there is a Roll of Honour.

The church purchased a number of silhouettes and two life-size British 'Tommies' through donations.

In addition to its weekly 11am service, the chapel will be providing an opportunity for people to see the figures every Sunday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm until September 2.

It is hoped to encourage as many people, organisations and schools as possible to see the silhouettes as part of their own acts of remembrance.

Also, to commemorate the First World War, ladies from the church are currently busy knitting poppies to create a poppy cascade from the pulpit for the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday, November 11. Poppy seeds have also been sown in the grounds.

During the 1914-18 war Lathom Park was a remount depot where almost 250,000 war horses and mules were trained before being sent to the front to work with the troops fighting there.

The church has already helped organise a War Horse Walk and another will take place on Saturday, September 8, starting at Ormskirk railway station at 10am. This retraces the route the horses would have taken once they had been off-loaded from trains at Ormskirk.

The chapel's final act of Remembrance will involve a service on Sunday, November 11 starting at Lathom War Memorial and moving into the chapel.

Skelmersdale Silver Band will play in the chapel during the afternoon following the service.

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Town centre eyesore to be re-developed... and it's music to the ears of fed-up Jamie

Grot-spot such an embarrassment, says proud Ormskirk man

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A GROTSPOT in Ormskirk town centre could finally be given a new lease of life... much to the delight of one local man who has been campaigning to get it cleaned up.

Jamie Lyon, a teacher from the town, had called for something to be done about the plot of land which has become an eyesore.

Jamie, 33, said he was proud to come from Ormskirk but is disappointed to see areas of it looking 'unkempt and scruffy.'

He told the Champion: "I am particularly frustrated at one area of the town centre, which has been neglected for as long as I have been alive.

This area is in clear view to the public, as they walk up the steps of the Two Saints retail car park to cut through onto Church Street.

"The area is large in size and is covered by large cheap chip/plasterboards, which have started to deteriorate and rot, whilst being daubed with graffiti. Weeds and shrubbery protrude from the joints to add to its scruffy appearance and litter has congregated inside the hoardings and is overgrown with weeds.

"How has Ormskirk allowed this to happen?"

Jamie went to schools in Ormskirk and took a teacher training degree at Edge Hill University. He now teaches computing and business at a secondary school in Liverpool but has worked at various places around the town centre and cares a lot about what happens to it.

Unattractive

He added: "This land is potentially a key area of the town, which could be utilised to increase its appeal. The size of this dead and unattractive space could be converted into a lovely seating area, or alternative uses could be discussed positively and passionately by people who share pride in Ormskirk's future."

However, the Champion could have some good news for Jamie.

After being contacted by us, landlord Luis Stockton, managing director of Stockton Properties, who also owns the neighbouring Poundstretcher building, said he has plans for the site which will be revealed in a planning application to be submitted to the council soon. Mr Stockton, owner of Aughton-based Stockton Properties, said he acquired the site along with the attached building in 2006. He says he also purchased the adjacent former cinema that is now occupied by Poundstretcher in January of this

Jamie Lyon at the piece of land in Ormskirk Town Centre that he says has been neglected for more than 30 years.

Pioneering scientist is honoured for his work into macular conditions

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"I've been nominated for awards before, but this is the first time I've won anything like this, and it's very humbling.

I had lots of nice comments from people locally when they heard that I'd been shortlisted – even my barber congratulated me when I went to get my hair cut recently as he'd read about my nomination in The Champion!

"It's taken a little while to sink in, but I'm so pleased to have been chosen. Alongside going to collect the award next month, I'm hoping to do something with my family to celebrate too."

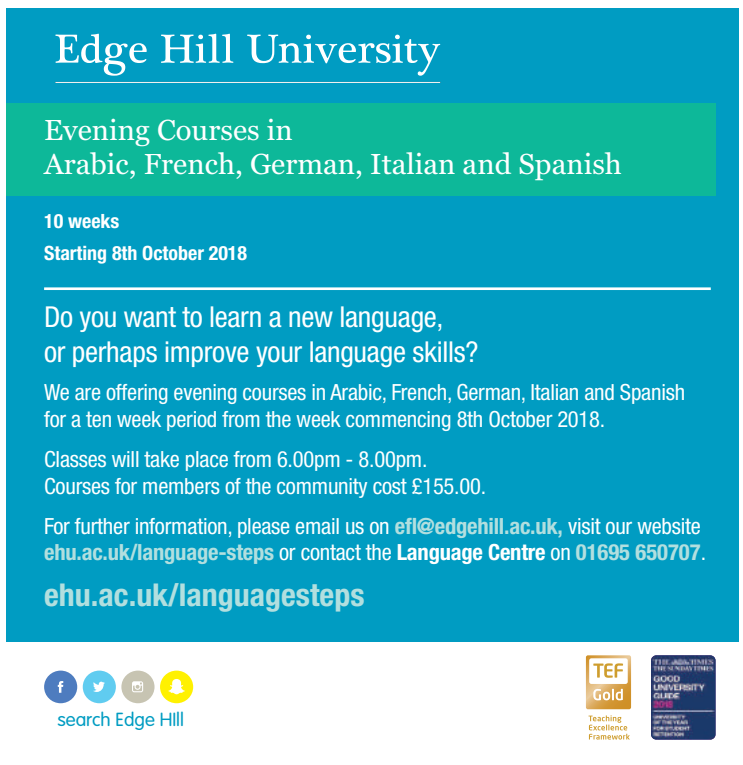
Dr Clark will receive his award at the Macular Society's national annual conference, which takes place at the Grange Tower Bridge Hotel in London, on September 22.

Now in its 10th year, the Macular Society Awards for Excellence is run by the charity to celebrate the inspirational work done to provide services and care for people with macular disease all over the UK.

The Macular Society is the national charity for anyone affected by age-related macular degeneration (AMD). It has more than 400 support groups across the UK, which help to increase the confidence and independence of people affected by macular disease. AMD is the most common cause of sight loss in the UK, affecting more than 600,000 people.

Cathy Yelf, chief executive of the Macular Society, said: "Our annual awards are our chance to recognise and reward professionals like Dr Clark for their incredible commitment and dedication in the fight against macular disease. It's thanks to them that potential new treatments for macular conditions continue to be discovered.

"The work Dr Clark undertakes is truly pioneering and it's only right that his efforts should be rewarded in this way. On behalf of everyone at the Macular Society, I'd like to add our thanks, and congratulate him on this excellent achievement."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Tributes paid to former bike shop owner and road race champion

John Parker passes away, aged 60

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A WELL KNOWN cycling champion who ran a family bike shop in Burscough, has passed away aged 60.

John Parker, an elite road-racing cyclist, retired from the day to day running of Jack Parker Cycles in Burscough after 25 years in May 2013.

He started the business 30 years ago after retiring from racing. Jack Parker Cycles used to be based in a smaller shop by the canal in Burscough, and was originally run by John's parents. They looked after it for 10 years while John was a sales rep for a number of companies, including Peugeot and British Eagle. John took over the shop, which is named after his dad, full time 20 years ago.

The cycle shop was taken over by Barry Major, who had at that time been at the shop for 12 years since leaving school learning his trade under the tutelage of John

Barry told the Champion: "I'd like to thank John for all of the opportunities that he gave to me over so many years - including of course the shop. You always knew exactly where you stood with John, as he always told it to you straight – which was a good thing nearly all of the time!

"I have so many wonderful memories of John. Since I took over the business we stayed really close and he was my best friend. He will be very much missed every day."

John was a member of Southport Cycling Club for many years as a junior and senior member and was well-known in Southport for his efforts in the resort's Mad Dog 10k event.

As a 16 year old, John started racing cyclocross in Merseyside and in 1975 won the Alexandra Palace Junior Cyclocross race in London. His breakthrough as a road racing cyclist was when he finished in 3rd place as a Junior in the Eddie Soens in 1976.

John also raced for Southport CC, ACBB, Kirkby CC, GS Strada Lutz, Lejeune, US Creteil and Jack Parker Cycles.

He developed into an elite rider and from 1977 to 1980 won many important local, national and European races. John was National Hill Climb champion in 1977, winning in Castleton, Derbyshire; in the same year he won the Grand Prix de Vaumas in France.

John Parker with Barry Major at John's retirement in May 2013.

In 1978, he represented Great Britain in the World Road Race Amateurs' championships in Nurburgring, Germany. John rode the Milk Race in 1978 finishing 18th in the GC and finished 5th in the Girvan Three Day race.

In 1979, John finished 8th in the National Championships for Amateurs at Bradford and won the Trophee Peugeot as an amateur in Cambrai, Northern France.

He also lived and raced in France in the company of such riders as Tour De France stage winners Stephen Roche and Sean Yates.

Claire McKinnon from Southport Cycling Club said: "John will have been familiar to many of Southport's residents as the lead bike on many occasions in the Mad Dog 10k.

"We would like to pass on our condolences to John's family. Thank you for the memories and for helping to put Southport Cycling Club on the map, John."

His funeral is on Thursday, August 30 at Burscough Cemetery at 4pm.

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"There was a serious side to him, as evidenced by his determination on the bike, but it was often overwhelmed by his seemingly endless need to have a giggle - almost every time you heard a roar of laughter by the side of the road at a race, it was because Rick was holding court, making people laugh until their sides hurt."

Woman, 47, killed in second cycling tragedy

IN A second cycling tragedy this week, a woman died following a road collision in Aughton.

Mother of two Alison Doyle, 47, a councillor for Melling Parish Council, was involved in a fatal collision with a Ford Ka on Bold Lane in the early afternoon of Sunday August 19. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

The road was closed for several hours for collision investigation work.

In a tribute to Alison, her family issued the following statement: "Alison was a much loved mother with two sons, a loving sister and daughter. Taken from us too soon, words cannot describe our loss, she will be in our hearts forever." Alison was a nurse and member of cycling club Sefton Velo, based in Maghull. Following news of her death a statement from the club was posted on social media on Monday, which read: "We will always remember her infectious and positive personality and the joy, laughter and grit and determination she showed. Our thoughts at this time are with Alison's family and friends."

Alison Doyle pictured with her father, Arthur.

Melling Parish Council posted a statement online, which said: "Cllr Doyle will be greatly missed by all who knew her and Melling Parish Council send their deepest sympathy to Cllr Doyle's sons, father and wider family. You are all in our thoughts."

Police have appealed for anyone who witnessed the incident to contact them.

Another accident at Fiveways just one day after consultation starts

JUST one day after a consultation was launched to reduce speed limit on a notorious stretch of road in Ormskirk, there was a collision involving three cars on the same road

Emergency services were called to the accident at the Fiveways junction on County Road at 6.15pm on Thursday August 16.

On Wednesday, Lancashire County Council had begun to consult on plans to reduce the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph on County Road between the junctions of Burscough Road and Halsall Lane, which includes the Fiveways junction at Southport Road.

The consultation had been called by MP Rosie Cooper following two fatal accidents nearby within the last 12 months and numerous other accidents being reported.

The latest accident involved an Astra van and a Peugoet 108. Police say a vehicle crashed into two stationary vehicles while ambulance services say a casualty was taken to Aintree Hospital and another to Southport and Formby Hospital.

The road was blocked off for approximately three hours.

To view the consultation and to comment visit website: www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/roads/roadworks-and-traffic-regulation-orders/ permanent/proposed-speed-limit-orders-slos/

Students celebrate their A-Level results

Report by **Henry James**

A-LEVEL students from across the borough have been celebrating their results.

At Ormskirk School there was a 100% pass rate.

Martin Kerridge, headteacher at Ormskirk School said: "It is testament to the hard work and commitment of our students and staff that this year's results build on the excellent outcomes achieved last year. 80% of entries achieved a C grade or above. Over 50% of our A Level students achieved 3 A*-C grades, with a further increase in the proportion of A* and A grades resulting in an average grade per entry of a B-.

"These achievements allow our students to follow the path of their choice, whether that be into higher education, apprenticeships or other further training. A significant number of our students will now progress to top universities and we are able to celebrate some exceptional individual performances."

At Winstanley College, which takes pupils from West Lancashire, more than 85 A level students received three or more As or A*s.

Teachers at the college said they were "delighted" with the overall pass rate but also by the fact that nearly half of all students achieved at least one A grade.

The majority of students secured a place at their first choice university, many of them at the most selective Russell Group universities, including students who will be going on to Oxford and Cambridge universities.

Henry Webb

George Lavelle

Henry Webb, from Lathom, achieved four A* grades at A Level. He attended Bolton School Boys' Division where he studied Electronics, Physics, Mathematics and Further Mathematics, achieving A*s in all four subjects. He also received an A grade at AS Level in Further Mathematics (Additional).

Two thirds of students at Merchant Taylors' Schools, which also take pupils from the borough, achieved A*-B grades in their A-Levels with eight heading to Oxford and Cambridge.

Rebecca Southwart, from Ormskirk and a scholarship student, achieved A* A* A and is reading Chemistry at Oxford.

Head boy, Tom Barker-Weinberger from Ormskirk, gained 3 A* and an A, allowing him to accept his place at Cambridge to read History. When Tom agreed to sit his initial entrance paper for Cambridge he later discovered he would be in Sri Lanka on a school cricket tour but Merchant Taylors' liaised with international schools over there and, with the help of the local embassy, Tom was able to sit the paper in Sri Lanka.

George Lavelle, also from Ormskirk, plays for Lancashire County Cricket Club and the England Second cricket team and achieved 3 A grades. George is taking a year out to hopefully play cricket in Australia before starting a degree at Loughborough University to study Economics & Finance.

Record BTEC results for college

WEST Lancashire College students are also celebrating after achieving their BTEC results, with a record number achieving triple Distinction and star grades on the Extended Level 3 Diploma.

This year many students at West Lancashire College have achieved beyond predicted grades, in particular BTEC Performing Arts and BTEC Public Services students who all achieved Distinctions and Distinction Star.

BTEC qualifications provide an alternative to A Levels and studying an Extended Diploma gives people the same UCAS points as 3 A Levels. One in four undergraduates are now going through the BTEC route to get to university, offering a career related study route to higher education or employment.

Many students achieved D*D*D* (D for Distinction), making them among the best performing BTEC students in the country, including: Lydia Elliott, Applied Science student, who has an unconditional place confirmed for Lancaster University in September. Lydia will be studying Earth and Environmental Science, which includes one years' study abroad in New Zealand.

Harry Burns, Performing Arts student is off to Cumbria University to study Musical Theatre and Richard Morris, Business Student, will study Business & Facilities Management at Liverpool John Moores University.

Principal, at West Lancashire College, Denise Williamson said: "I would like to congratulate all of our students who have received their results. They have achieved some remarkable grades that are testament to their two years of hard work and the fantastic support of the staff at West Lancashire College.

"This academic year has seen some of the best ever results for the college, and it makes me very proud to see our students moving on to universities or into jobs where they will be able to put their great skills and talents to good use."

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Rail fare rise is a 'slap in the face' for passengers

Report by **Tom Martin**

THE METRO mayors of Liverpool City Region and Greater Manchester have hit out at plans for a minimum 3.2% increase in rail fares from next year.

Rail commuters face paying extra for travelling on the train after it was confirmed the price of regulated rail fares will rise in January 2019 in line with the Retail Price Index of 3.2%.

Just before the increases were announced, Liverpool City Region Mayor Steve Rotheram and his Greater Manchester counterpart, Andy Burnham, called on Secretary of State for Transport Chris Grayling to ensure that passengers were not hit by proposed fare rises.

Mr Rotheram said: "The decision to increase fares on rail services is a slap in the face for rail passengers in the North.

"The Secretary of State's refusal to rule out fare increases ahead of this announcement is disappointing, but hardly surprising, given his apparent indifference to the ongoing chaos experienced by passengers since the introduction of the May timetable.

"It is simply unacceptable that, after a summer of delays and cancellations, the Secretary of State expects commuters in the north to pay more for a service that is arguably getting worse.

."The Secretary of State had an opportunity to show that he really is on the side of northern commuters, but instead he sided with the underperforming operators. I urge him to think again and deliver the fare freeze next year that passengers in the North deserve."

Rail fares are to go up by 3.2% next year

Rail operator Northern came in for heavy criticism after it cancelled scores of Sunday services on successive weekends.

Rail groups say passengers into Liverpool will be expected to pay on average £110 more per year for an annual season ticket, £91 for those travelling from Southport, and across key routes into Manchester city centre stations passengers can expect a £45 increase.

TUC North West regional secretary Lynn Collins added: "This is an insult to commuters across the region. After a year of delays, cancellations and overcrowded trains the last thing they deserve is another wage-busting fare hike.

"It's time to bring services back under public ownership. This would free up money to lower ticket prices and allow for much-needed investment in our railways, including keeping the guards on our trains. It's quite a strange logic that workers are expected to pay more when they have been getting less of a service than before.

"Private train companies are squandering millions every year on shareholder dividends. Chris Grayling should be getting tough on them, not threatening to cut rail workers' pay."

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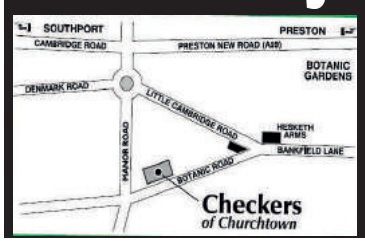

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How former marine from West Lancs became 'warlord of the seas'

'I was kingpin of anti-piracy' says man who turned the tide of maritime lawlessness on the Indian Ocean - now Dom Mee has told his fascinating tale in new book

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A FORMER Royal Marine from West Lancashire has penned the fascinating story of how he recruited the world's largest 'private navy' to protect ocean-going vessels from pirates and succeeded where national forces had failed.

Warlord of the Seas tells how Dom Mee helped to turn the tide of maritime lawlessness on the Indian Ocean and progressed from guarding luxury private yachts to chaperoning commercial liners.

Born in Ormskirk and baptised in Parbold, the 47-year-old still has family and friends in the area whom he visits whenever he is back in the UK.

Now based in Sri Lanka, where he runs a luxury holiday company, Dom first went to sea when he joined the Royal Marines for 15 years, going on to become a trophy-winning yacht racer with the Royal Navy offshore sailing team.

After leaving the services he quickly found that 'civvy' life was not for him and decided to revert to what he knew best.

Recruiting a team of more than 1,000 fellow former Marines, his company, Protection Vessels International, helped to stop more than 50 attempting hijackings and prevented the kidnapping of some 700 seafarers.

Speaking to the Champion, Dom said: "When we started the company piracy was out of control, a freak contagion, ships were getting hit anywhere in the Indian ocean and working out how to mitigate against that was quite a challenge in itself.

"National navies were proving to be quite impotent. European navies were catching pirates in the act, taking their weapons away and then giving them petrol and food to get home! The pirates just went home got more guns and went back out there. When the pirates saw how pathetic the response was they thought: 'We can't lose here.'

"Ship owners were in despair. I said to them: 'If pirates ever cross the line they will be shot' and quite rightly.

"We gave them every warning and we had very clear rules of engagement, similar to what we have in the military, that if they continued to proceed with their actions against the ship and the crew we would have to resort to lethal force.

Dom Mee (centre back) and his pirate fighters

Dom Mee at the helm of his vessel used to protect ships against pirates.

"And, unfortunately, there were times when we did have to do that."

Dom says he finally quit fighting modern day pirates after notorious Somali pirate Garaad was caught and jailed. "He was my nemesis - the kingpin of pirates, while I was the kingpin of anti-piracy.

"He had 800 guys, I had 1,000 guys. We went toe-to-toe on the water and we won the day. He ended up getting captured and is now doing life imprisonment in Tehran."

Dom spent three years writing his book about his adventures on the Indian Ocean. It is his second literary effort, his first, *Kiting The Hurricane*, told of an attempt to be the first person to cross the Atlantic in a kite-powered boat that was thwarted by the worst hurricane season on record.

Other adventures have included leading a four-man team to row the Atlantic in one of the fastest times in ocean rowing history.

Of his latest book, he says: "It's about trying to make sense of what were extraordinary times and how great my guys did when we all came together as a team and did good work.

"We halted more than 50 hijacks and saved about 700 people from being kidnapped and that's something I'm very proud of."

Warlord Of The Seas is available on Kindle and in paperback from Amazon.

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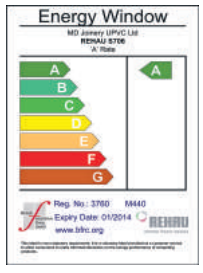

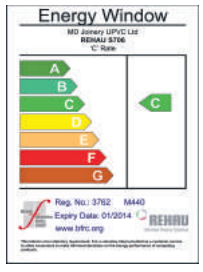

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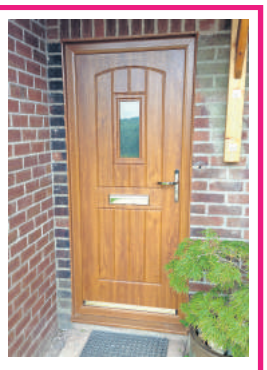

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Foundations need to be laid to meet demand for thousands of jobs in construction, says report

Report by **Kenny Parker**

DEMAND for workers in the construction industry is set to soar with thousands of additional construction jobs needed in the Liverpool City Region in the coming years.

It is estimated that 18,000 positions will need to be filled, according to a report by Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, which includes Sefton.

The report was compiled using research by the Construction Industry Training Board and highlights that the sector has contributed over £25billion to Liverpool City Region's renaissance in the last 20 years – and predicts that projects such as Liverpool and Wirral Waters, as well as a number of housing developments, could mean an additional £1billion per year of construction activity by 2040.

However, a number of challenges face the City Region's capability to meet the demand of future projects, says the report.

These challenges include:

- Out of a region of 1.5 million people, only 47,000 work in the industry; CITB have stated that "To meet anticipated demand, more than 65,000 construction workers are required for the foreseeable future." (an increase of 18,000).
- Most companies employ less than 10 people - making it difficult for local businesses to bid for large-scale contracts;
- Only 11% of the current workforce is female - creating a workforce not representative of the general population;
- And there is a higher than average proportion of workers over 55 - leaving a big gap to fill after they retire.

A working group which includes the City Region Combined Authority, employers and the City Region Construction and Built Environment Network have been tasked with specific actions over the coming months to ensure these challenges are tackled head-on.

Metro Mayor Steve Rotheram - who launched the report - spent most of his working life in the construction industry.

Specific actions include: the shaping of adult education budget commissioning; improving careers engagement and progression; exploring the option of a social enterprise Apprenticeship Training Agency for Construction; and engaging with credible grassroots community organisations to encourage under-represented groups to take up opportunities in the sector.

Speaking at the launch of the report Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Portfolio Holder for Education, Employment, Skills and Apprenticeships, Councillor Ian Maher, said: "The findings of this report are mostly positive. We face a large pipeline of construction activity in the coming years which will bring economic growth to the city region.

"But to ensure workers in our area are able to benefit from these opportunities, we need to address demand shortage now - and that is exactly what this action plan is designed to do."

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School dinners award goes down a treat at County Council

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Officials from the Soil Association and Lancashire County Council school and residential care catering celebrate the 'Silver Food for Life Served Here' award.

MEALS supplied to schools and care homes by Lancashire County Council have received the thumbs up for being full of fresh and healthy ingredients.

The School and Residential Care Catering group has again been awarded the Soil Association's prestigious Silver Food for Life Served Here award.

The award is a commendation for the 50,000 meals served every day in 445 primary and secondary schools and in 17 care homes and five day centres across the county.

It follows accolades won in June when the service was awarded 'world class' status and joint 'best newcomer' from Hospitality Assured, the standard for delivering service and business excellence in hospitality, at its first appearance at the Institute of Hospitality Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony in London.

Food for Life Served Here takes account of various issues related to food production, including health, source, climate change and animal welfare. It recognises food providers who prepare meals using fresh, seasonal ingredients which are free from controversial e-numbers.

County Councillor Susie Charles, Lancashire County Council's Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools, said: "Once again, we are absolutely delighted to have achieved the Silver Food for Life Served Here award for our commitment to serving fresh and healthy meals made with local and organic ingredients.

"We champion local food and suppliers.

"We hope our meals are enjoyed all the more knowing that we are doing our best to source ethical and environmentally friendly food, championing local producers and making it easy to eat healthily. All of this also means that we are helping to reduce food miles and our environmental footprint.

"We won't rest on our laurels though. We have a long-term commitment to continue to improve the quality of ingredients we use and where we source them from."

Caron Longden, National Development Manager of the Soil Association, said: "We're pleased to see Lancashire's School and Residential Care Catering Group achieving the Silver Served Here award and gaining recognition for serving great fresh meals made with seasonal, local and organic ingredients.

"Serving menus to Silver Food for Life Served Here Standards supports local businesses and reassures customers that all meals are free from GM ingredients."

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Visitors flocked to Ormskirk for last year's MotorFest.

Town gears up to welcome Motorfest

Report by **Kenny Parker**

MOTOR enthusiasts are revving up for one of the biggest free events in the North West which takes place in Ormskirk this Sunday August 26.

Up to 300 cars and motorcycles representing all types and eras of motoring will line up on the town centre streets and in Coronation Park for the popular Motorfest.

There will be a huge range of cars on display, including the Ginetta GT4 G55 which was driven by 19-year-old Ben Wallace, of Southport, in the British GT4 Championship.

Ben is currently in his first year competing in the competition but has been racing cars since he was 14-years old after a number of successes in kart racing. In 2017 he was third in the VW Racing Cup driving a Golf GTI.

Ben is also a fundraiser for Diabetes UK and suffers from type 1 diabetes.

He said: "I am very excited about coming to Ormskirk Motorfest as this will be the first time I have been to this marvellous event. I am looking forward to speaking to people about the car and the championship I compete in, and also about the charity I raise money for. I may even let people sit in the car so they can see what it's like to be behind the steering wheel of a genuine racing car."

Ben Wallace

Fans of Britain's most famous fictional spy will get a chance to see the Aston Martin 5.2 Litre V12 DB11 Coupe, provided by Aston Martin Wilmslow and wrapped in Red Bull Racing livery designed to celebrate the partnership of Aston Martin and Red Bull Racing's formula one venture. A number of models of Aston Martin cars have featured in a number of James Bond 007 films. The DB10 was seen in action with actor Daniel Craig at the wheel in the most recent Bond film Spectre.

Other cars on display to keep visitors' enthusiasm ticking over include Bentleys, Ferraris, Porsches, and a whole host of other classic, competition and sports cars and motorcycles on display. Some of the finest will take part in the MotorFest's Concours de Elegance on Coronation Park.

An extra attraction at the event will be the Makers' Market at Ormskirk Bus Station car park. A selection of stalls will be set up selling art and crafts, retro, vintage and up-cycled wares and there will also be live entertainment, games and activities including face painting for children.

The MotorFest starts about 11am and runs through until about 5pm. MotorFest visitors can see many of the cars in action during parade laps around Ormskirk town centre between 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

Ormskirk MotorFest is a free event organised by Aintree Circuit Club, supported by West Lancashire Borough Council.

Councillor John Hodson, portfolio holder for Planning, said: "The marvellous MotorFest really has something for everyone so don't miss this fantastic day out for people of all ages. We hope local businesses will take advantage of so many people being around to open their doors for the day."

Visitors are encouraged where possible to go to the event by public transport.

Alternatively a regular park and ride vintage bus service, priced at £5 per car, will operate from Edge Hill University for the MotorFest, starting at 10am. The service will take a break for the parade laps from 2.10pm and then resume for a short time at 4.30pm until MotorFest finishes.

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New strategy to increase walking and cycling is moving forward

Report by **Henry James**

Plan sets out to reduce levels of physical inactivity across the county

A NEW strategy to increase walking and cycling has been approved by Lancashire County Council's cabinet.

The ambitious plan, called Actively Moving Forward, sets out to double the number of people cycling and increase the amount that people walk by 10% - particularly by increasing the percentage of children aged between five and 10 who usually walk to and from school.

It also aims to reduce levels of physical inactivity across the county so they fall below the national average.

The aim is to achieve these targets by 2028.

This strategy has been put together by Lancashire County Council following a consultation with local people and other partners, which took place last year.

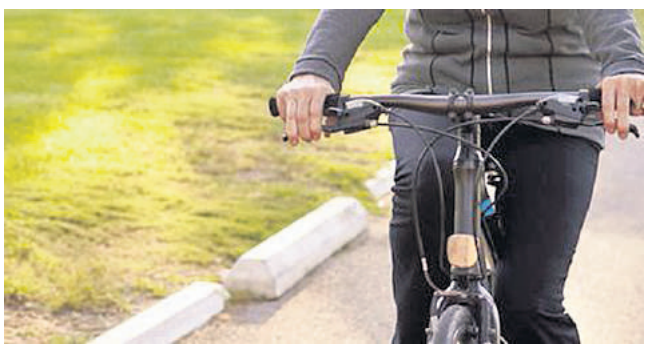
County Councillor Keith Iddon, cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "It's crucial we do all we can to encourage people to walk and cycle and this strategy is a key part of our plans.

"It sets out how we can encourage cycling and walking to be people's preferred method of getting around, whether it's to and from work and school, or for leisure.

"The strategy will help us reduce congestion and improve air quality, improve physical activity levels, improve access to jobs and support economic growth across the county.

"We already have some superb facilities across the county and the strategy looks at how we can make the best use of them.

"It's also about investing in new facilities and improvements, making Lancashire a safer place to cycle and walk, encouraging more people to walk and get out and about on their bike."



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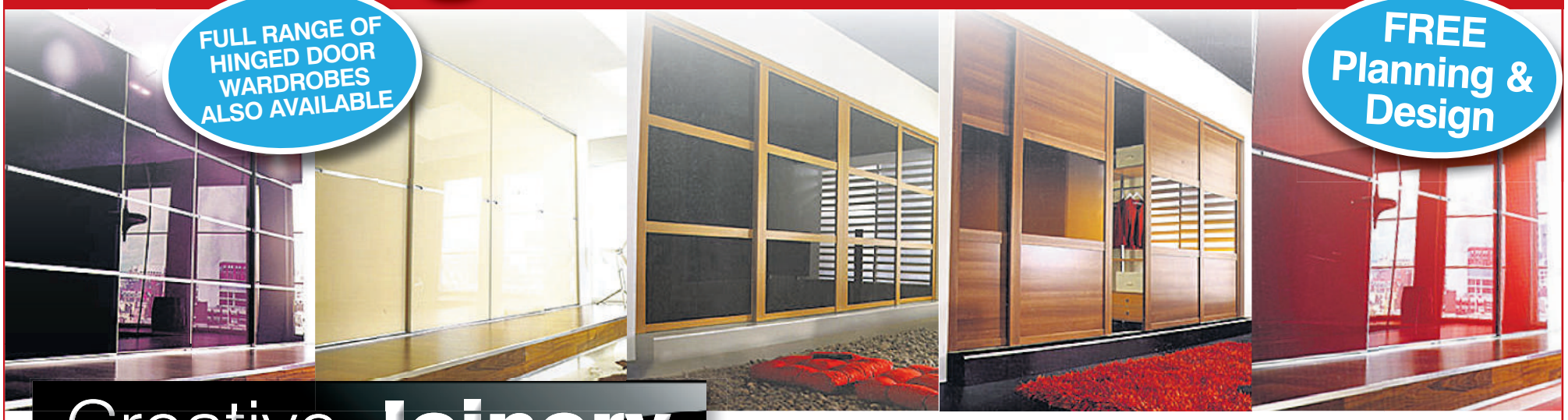

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Disabled travellers face increase in NoWcard fares at peak travel times

Report by **Henry James**

DISABLED people who use a NoWcard and want to travel at peak times on weekday mornings will see the charge double from 50p to £1.

The mandatory national concessionary travel scheme allows holders of a disabled persons pass to travel for free between 9.30am and 11pm Monday to Friday, and all day at weekends and bank holidays.

Councils which operate the scheme locally have discretion to offer further concessions outside these times.

Lancashire County Council's NoWcard scheme allows holders of a disabled person's pass to travel at a 50p flat fare on journeys on local buses, which begin before 9.30am on Mondays to Fridays. The council has said there has been no increase of the 50p charge for more than 10 years. Further work will now be carried out with partner councils and bus operators to introduce the increased change over the coming months.

County Councillor Keith Iddon, cabinet member for highways and transport.

Highways chief defends move which sees card concession double in price

The cabinet received a report on the outcome of public consultation which received 179 responses, with 53% of respondents saying they have a current disabled person's NoWcard. Of these, 29% said they had used their card to travel before 9.30am on weekdays on all or most weekdays in the last year, with 16% saying they had used their card a few times a week. 49% of respondents disagreed with the proposal, and 42% agreed with it.

County Councillor Keith Iddon, cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "Like many councils, we are facing an extremely challenging financial position, with a forecasted funding gap of £144m in 2021/22.

"We're committed to providing the best services we can, particularly to the most vulnerable in our communities, which is why we offer a concession to disabled NoWcard holders to travel outside the times mandated by the national scheme.

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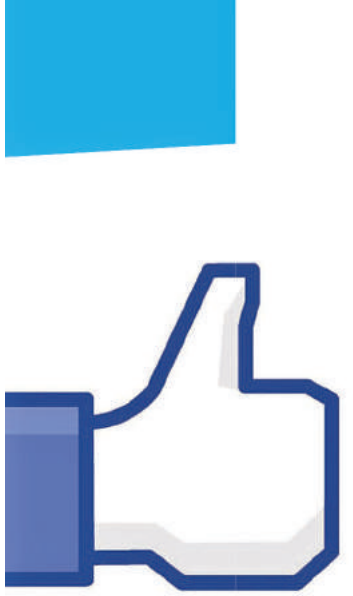

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Rise in rural crime across the county

Report says criminals are becoming more brazen in targeting farms and homes

Report by **Kenny Parker**

THE COST of rural crime in Lancashire rose by 23% in the year 2017 - up from £1.26m in 2016 to £1.55m.

The figures, which are almost 10% higher than the national average, form part of NFU Mutual's annual 'Rural Crime Report' which reveals that the UK saw a 13.4% rise in the cost of rural crime last year.

The items most commonly targeted by thieves across Lancashire over the last 12 months were tools, 4x4s and machinery.

Nick Murphy, NFU Mutual Senior Agent in Lancashire, said: "Countryside criminals continue to become more brazen and farmers are now having to continually increase security and adopt new ways of protecting their equipment.

"Social media is fast becoming the new eyes and ears of the countryside. By keeping in close touch with neighbours and police through local farm-watch schemes country people can play a significant role in identifying suspicious activity and bringing thieves to justice.

"Fitting gates to prevent easy access to farm yards and drives is one of the most effective measures. High-tech security such as movement detectors, infra-red cameras and 'geo-fencing', which triggers an alarm if a farm vehicle moves off the premises, can also play a part."

The report further reveals that limited police resources and repeat attacks are the biggest fears for people in rural communities, with many forced to change the way they live and work as a result of rural crime.

Nick adds, "The threat of becoming a victim of rural crime, and regular reports of suspicious characters watching farms is causing high levels of anxiety amongst farmers who know their rural location makes them vulnerable to attacks.

"Our advice to people living and working in the countryside is to regularly evaluate your current security measures making improvements where necessary, remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the local police and local farm watch schemes."

For more information and advice on how to beat rural crime in your area download the report at www.nfumutual.co.uk/ruralcrime

The cost of rural crime in Lancashire has risen by more than the national average.

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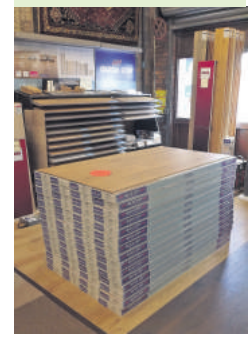

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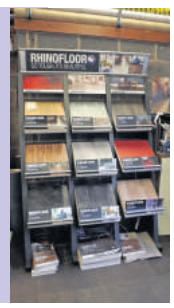

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Councillors are free to express opinions on planning matters

In response to Cllr Barons letter of August 1, as he well knows, councillors - when elected - pledge to represent all residents in the borough.

Cllr Baron wanted to make it clear that the Tarleton master- plan was a consultation meeting only, so if it was, why exclude the press and public from a meeting with the Lilford estate?

I think he needs to read the statement on the Parish Council website which states: 'The Lilford Estate and Tarleton Parish Council are collectively working together to prepare a Masterplan which sets out a sustainable vision for Tarleton and its neighbouring villages over the next 30 years'.

Hardly just a consultation exercise.

A myth that also needs dispelling is that councillors can not express opinions on planning applications.

This would only apply to members of the planning committee and even then, councillors can self elect not to take part in an application where there was a conflict of interest.

I would like to ask Cllr Baron, who was not a member of the planning committee, who prevented him from speaking on the Altys application?

Cllr Gail Hodson.

Why do we pay so much for rents in West Lancs borough?

The rent on my current council owned property is £88.40 per week with four weeks rent free per year.

But when you consider that most people in Skelmersdale are unemployed (for whatever reason), disabled, or on a low income and only get benefits, including housing benefit, it is a lot considering the service we do/do not get from the council.

It is (in my opinion) time that the local government closely examined the amount of rent received, compared to the amount spent on repairs to housing stock, and balanced the books in favour of the tenants instead of lining their own (councillors) pockets with large remuneration and retirement pay-offs.

As an example to the fact they are not spending money, I moved into my property in August 2016.

These properties were brand new, and only just completed. From day one the back gardens to the houses have suffered from flooding which was/is causing some of the properties to get damp.

We were promised this would be looked into and corrected but as of yet (August 2018) only some of 'the most severe cases' have been done and everybody else has been ignored and left to live in an American style swamp land (the only things missing are the 'gators).

You cannot plant anything in the front gardens as there is only about six inch of soil (if that).

There are no drop kerbs (for prams or disability scooters) on the existing side of the estate only on the new builds, and the entire road is used by the Co-op bank as an overflow car park when their own car park is full, with no regard to access for tenants or the safety of local children.

Other than all of this Firbeck is a really nice place to live.

Paul Roughley,
Firbeck resident

PICTURE of the week

Muddy work boots were a no-no as one of the outdoor show gardens got a final scrub-down ready for judges' approval at last week's Southport Flower Show. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Motorists need to be more aware of dangers posed to cyclists on roads

Please would drivers be aware of the fact that cyclists may need a bit more room on the road in order to avoid potholes.

My partner and I had a nasty incident on a quiet Lathom road where a motorist in a big 4x4 passed within centimetres of us, risking not only our health but our lives.

When we shouted to him, he felt the need to stop, get out of his car and be very aggressive saying we hadn't moved over. I then pointed out that there were potholes and if he had waited a whole 10 seconds we would have been out of the way.

Hitting a pothole with a 20mm tyre has totally different consequences than hitting one with a 40cm one.

Cyclists will not deliberately endanger their own lives. Motorists do however seem happy to risk a small scratch on their car.

As they say "let's look after each other."

For information, the legal passing distance is 1-1.5m depending on the speed limit.

Gill,
Burscough
(name, address supplied)

Troubled by comments made by Boris

Jim Sharpe's defence of Boris Johnson's remarks about Muslim women resembling 'letter boxes' and 'bank robbers' (he failed to mention the latter comparison) was troubling (One Man and His Dog, August 15).

He interpreted Johnson's remarks as 'courageous' and evidence of a 'deeply held conviction'.

The resultant controversy was interpreted as an attack on free speech.

I doubt Johnson made the comments for any other purpose than to engineer a scandal and further his own career - it's what he is best at.

His convictions run as deeply as necessary to serve his own interests. Jim Sharpe argued further that political correctness, enforced by the 'left-wing intelligentsia' is a bad thing.

It certainly is not.

Political correctness has ensured that the racial, sexist, and homophobic slurs, so common in the past, are not unacceptable today.

Long may it continue.

Chris Millington,
Maghull

● I was shocked to find regular columnist Jim Sharpe discussing and defending Boris Johnson's ridiculous and harmful remarks about Muslim women looking like letter boxes and bank robbers when wearing burqas.

Frankly, I don't disagree that, yes, a lot of people now practise a form of progressivism that is certainly quite faulty when it comes to tolerating differing opinions, free speech, and encouraging debate with those with whom you disagree. I understand the concern.

But does the story of influential and elected MP Boris Johnson resorting to a bizarre string of insults against Muslim women fit under this category of intolerant progressivism? Almost certainly not.

Why does Mr Sharpe think that these abhorrent remarks are perfectly fine, even admirable? Because to be inoffensive and logical would be 'boring.' Hardly a reasoned argument, not unlike Johnson's points either. While I am very strongly against a burqa ban myself (why not let the women decide themselves?), there are reasoned arguments that could be made on the opposing side.

Mr Johnson however does not want to engage in reasoned debate. Instead he wants to mock and attack these women and capitalise on a growing, baseless, hateful, ignorant fear of the Islamic faith in Britain, and frankly it is not only unhelpful but doubtless a mere ploy to win over the growing far-right in the British public.

Jim Sharpe says that disagreeing with anything any Muslim does, says or believes is immediately declared Islamophobic. I don't believe this to be the case at all. I think this is just an excuse for people to say hateful things and get away with it.

Lewis Elder
Southport

Warning to elderly and disabled drivers in Ormskirk - avoid Two Saints car park!

I feel compelled to write to you today if only to warn other elderly/disabled drivers that if they take longer to shop, do not park in Two Saints, Ormskirk (this is by Aldi, Argos, Poundland and the disability shop which sell aids and adaptations for the elderly and disabled.

I parked there, in a disabled bay and displayed my blue disabled driver badge, which allows me to park up to three hours. The badge does not expire until 30/10/2020.

I parked there at 15.03 and left at 16.48 - much less than the three hours allowed in a parking bay.

I was astounded to receive a parking charge notice from Parking Eye for the amount of £100 -yes that's right.. but if I paid within 14 days it would only cost £60. There was an appeal address and it took me nearly two hours to draft an appeal, including photos of my badge which is very hard for a pensioner to learn how to do - upload photos etc, only to find that the appeal email address was not valid.

I tried this three times and got so upset I rang the payment line and paid £60. The only phone number I could find was for payment.

I have drafted an appeal and hope to get my payment refunded but don't hold out much hope.

Why would this company provide disabled parking if it cannot be used in the way it is designed for.

'Angry, and upset'
(name, address supplied)

New national database for defibrillators will help save lives

A NEW national defibrillator database is expected to save lives after it is launched next spring.

The database by the NHS, the British Heart Foundation (BHF) and Microsoft has been welcomed by the North West Ambulance Service. The partnership aims to map the life-saving devices so they can be made readily available for every out-of-hospital cardiac arrest in the UK.

Defibrillators are small machines which can 'shock' a person's heart into restarting after a cardiac arrest. If this can be done in the first few minutes, patients have a 60-70 per cent chance of making a full recovery. They are easy to use, easy to carry and they won't deliver a shock unless it is required. There is no clinical training required to be able to use the machine.

The North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust (NWAS) already holds a list of defibrillators but estimates there are thousands that remain unknown and hidden in businesses, hotel chains, factories, shopping centres and smaller organisations such as social and sports clubs and schools.

The BHF states that public access defibrillators are used in less than 3 per cent of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests, significantly reducing the survival chances of tens of thousands of people every year.

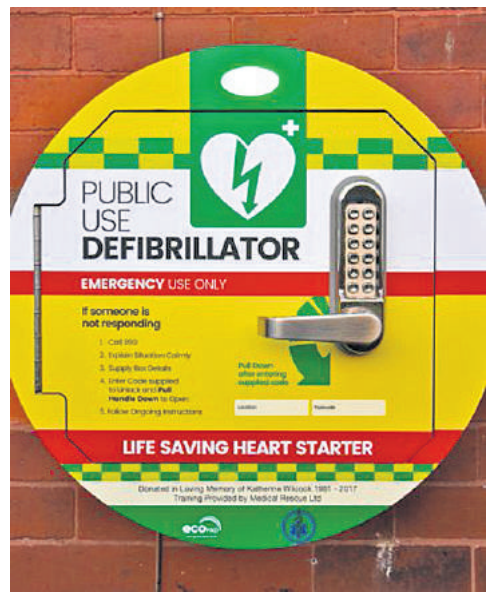
There are more than 30,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests every year in the UK, but less than 1 in 10 people survive. In countries where the public are better equipped to recognise and deal with cardiac arrests, survival rates are up to three times higher.

Andrew Redgrave from NWAS said: "The use of CPR and public defibrillators can mean the difference between life and death for a patient in cardiac arrest.

"Defibrillators allow everyday members of the public to become lifesavers by providing the all-important shock before our ambulance crews arrive. Even just two or three minutes earlier can make a huge difference.

"We know that many people raise funds in their local area to have defibrillators installed but they often forget to tell us they've done so. This means that we could get a call for a suspected cardiac arrest where this potentially life-saving piece of kit is available and we can't tell the caller to go and get it. The more defibrillators we know about, the more lives will be saved. It's that simple."

The national defibrillator database will launch in spring 2019, but defibrillator guardians in Merseyside, Cheshire,Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Cumbria can register their lifesaving devices with North West Ambulance Service now at nwas.nhs.uk.



A 'heart starter' defibrillator in Ormksirk

GCSE students offered advice ahead of results day

GCSE students are being urged to consider a range of options open to them after they receive their results tomorrow (Thursday).

Although A-levels remain the traditional educational route after GCSEs, they are not the only option. More and more students are turning towards apprenticeships and vocational qualifications as real alternatives.

Most teenagers picking up their GCSEs have already been in education for the best part of 12 years. But these days, teenagers up to the age of 18, are legally required to stay in education, training or get a job with accredited training - something the government calls 'raising the age of participation'.

Ruth Sparkes, editor of teen careers and education magazine, Future Mag, has revealed a list of options for students.

She said: "Being in further education or training doesn't mean teenagers have to stay in the same school. There are lots of options.

"So, for those students who didn't get the GCSEs they were hoping for, or already have a particular career in mind, or just don't find the prospect of another two years studying A-levels appealing, here are our top three options for life after GCSEs."

1 Do an apprenticeship
2. Do a traineeship
3. Go to your local college

Ruth continued: "There are two types of college - Sixth Form college and Further Education college. Sixth Form Colleges are mostly geared up for students between 16 and 18-years-old, and tend to concentrate on academic education.

"Further Education colleges are generally much bigger than Sixth Form colleges and offer a wider range of subjects, including vocational education (BTECs and NVQs), and they're not just for teenagers.

"Further Education colleges offer adult education and degree courses too.

"The GOV.UK website can help you find more information about courses offered by schools and colleges in your area if you're aged between 14-19."

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Information evening to be held for people wanting to be a foster carer

Information event on foster parenting

PEOPLE thinking about becoming a foster carer are being invited to an information evening in Preston to find out more.

The event will be held tonight (Wednesday August 22) at County Hall, on Fishergate Hill in Preston, from 6pm to 7.30pm.

Members of Lancashire County Council's fostering team, as well as social workers and current foster carers, will be available to answer questions, talk people through the process, and offer advice.

The county council has recently increased the allowances payable to new foster carers, so now they can expect to receive between £241 and £300 per week for each child they care for.

People who have considered fostering before, but weren't sure they could afford it, are advised to come along to an information evening and find out if it could now be a viable option.

County Councillor Susie Charles, cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "With around 20 Lancashire children needing homes each week, we need to recruit new foster carers.

"We have increased our allowances to foster carers in recognition of their valuable role in providing loving homes for the children in our care.

"There is also a rising demand for placements with more children and young people coming into the care of the local authority each week.

"We are looking for people who can foster all ages of children, particularly siblings who need to stay together, and teenagers. No formal experience or qualifications are needed, all we ask is that you have a spare room available and a desire to make a difference to a local child's life."

A package of support is available 24/7 to help foster carers in their role, including local support groups, their own social worker, a dedicated helpline and flexible training.

If people are unable to come along on the night, they should call the fostering recruitment team on 0300 123 6723 or visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/fostering.

There is no need to book for the fostering information evening - people can just turn up, but they are being asked to arrive early to avoid disappointment.

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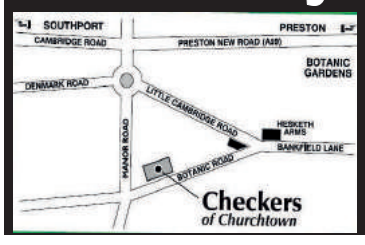

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Doctor reveals tales of ghostly sightings on Halsall Moss

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A SPINE-TINGLING article in a national magazine exploring paranormal experiences across Britain – including sightings on the Halsall Moss and Ainsdale beach - has been published.

The Champion revealed in October 2016 that retired doctor, Rob Gandy, had spent more that 50 years investigating ghostly sightings on Halsall Moss.

His spooky story was first published in the Fortean Times winter issue in 1990, an independent publication which explores 'unique phenomena' including far-out theories and beliefs.

He then ran an appeal in the Champion for those who had experienced similar sightings to contact him, which was very successful.

Last year, Peter McCue, 69, asked us for Mr Gandy's contact details – and he delved into Dr Gandy's findings for his book, Paranormal Encounters on Britain's Roads, which reflects on the enormous range of otherworldly experiences reported along Britain's roads and examines the theory that certain areas are 'hotspots' for these.

Dr Gandy raised £750 with a special supernatural talk for Queenscourt Hospice in November 2016 in Birkdale and was thrilled when more people came forward after this with their own stories.

Now the Fortean Times are re-visiting Dr Gandy with their new article, Strange Stories from Southport, which delve into three new stories about the Old Man of Halsall Moss – including a flying E-type Jaguar!- a possible ghost on Ainsdale beach and loud footsteps from an invisible entity in Birkdale.

Dr Rob Gandy

Dr Gandy said: "It is always fascinating for me to hear about people's experiences. Very often, they have kept quiet due to a fear of ridicule and are relived to tell someone about it!

"I am looking forward to exploring more experiences.

"If any Champion readers have had one, I am very keen to talk to them and all testimonies are treated in strict confidence."

The magazine can be bought from Village News on Halsall Lane in Formby or WH Smith stores.

To add to Dr Gandy's research, email rob.gandy@ntl.world.com or call him on 0151 334 9248.

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THE ORMSKIRK National Trust support group, known locally as Ormskirk and District Association of National Trust Members (ODANTM), are inviting members of the public to join them for a day trip and social event before they commence their autumn season of talks.

The day trip is to Harlow Carr Gardens in Harrogate, or just to Harrogate for those who wish. A coach will leave Washway farm, Spa Lane, Ormskirk, at 8.30 am and Ormskirk bus station at 8.40am on Tuesday September 18.

The cost is £20 to pay for the coach (non RHS members will have to pay for entry to Harlow Carr Gardens).

Further details can be obtained from Sue and Bill Watkinson 01695 422 423

In addition, the club is also hosting an entertaining evening to test people's skills at antique dealing at O'Briens Tea Rooms, Park Road, Ormskirk on Friday October 19.

The event is called 'Curious and Curiouser' and organisers say the title gives a clue as to what is involved. The cost, which includes a light buffet meal, is £13 and further details can be had from Pat Dixon on 01257 464 440

The autumn talks resume monthly at the Ministry Centre on Long Lane, Aughton on Wednesday, October 3 at 8pm.

Membership of ODANTM is not dependent upon National Trust membership and details can be obtained from Stan Bryan on 01695 421 463.

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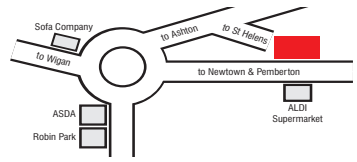

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FORMER Chief constable of Lancashire Constabulary Pauline Clare is one of 100 pioneering women of the 21st century who featured in an exhibition at the Royal College of Art in London.

The exhibition, titled First Women UK, was created to mark the centenary of the Representation of the People Act, which granted the vote to women over 30 and paved the way for universal suffrage.

Ms Clare, pictured, was included as the First Woman Chief Constable in the UK. Pauline is now chair of Trustees at Rainbow House in Mawdesley, a charity providing specialist education and support to children and young people with physical and neurological conditions.

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This is why the dog of this column is Tina Four

I THOUGHT that perhaps it is time, given the title of this column, that I gave a little prominence to the other founder of this feast - my dog, Tina.

Now, for a start, Tina's name should more properly be Tina Four - since she is the fourth rough collie to bear that name - which isn't quite so daft when you consider the reason for it.

The original Tina came into our home and our lives many years ago.

She had an interesting back history.

At that time my late brother George had the first rough collie (Lassie dog), the only male collie we ever had, Kim.

My dad was a regular at a local pub and one day one of the barmaids approached him and asked him, since he had a collie in his home, if he would 'rescue' her collie bitch - Tina.

The story was that Tina had been stolen or strayed and had been running wild for months.

The police had eventually recovered her and returned her to her owner, said barmaid.

But according to her Tina was now wild and so was presently chained in her 'owner's back yard.

Would my dad take her on because the barmaid couldn't cope with her?

Dad said he would - and arrived home with the sorriest-looking rough collie imaginable.

Her filthy coat was so matted that the only option was simply to cut most of it off, though dad, mum and brother George found her anything but wild.

A good bath, several good meals and a few weeks later, Tina (One) was in fine fettle.

My dad took Tina and my mum back to the pub, where the three of them sat quietly at a table.

Tina's 'owner' spotted them and hurried over.

Tina, most uncharacteristically, jumped up onto my mum's knee.

"Oh, is that my Tina?" said barmaid. "No love, that's MY Tina" said dad.

Now I should explain that at that time I was married and living in Wigan, but obviously my wife and I spent quite a bit of time in Maghull and Tina and I took to each other so that when I was in town I took her for walks, and she slept in the same bedroom as my wife and I.

We had a young baby at the time, and he managed to bang Tina over the head with a rather large Dinky 'Supertoy' lorry.

Short of being 'wild', Tina simply took this attack in her stride and obviously realised that no malice had been intended.

Anyway, I more or less 'adopted' Tina so much so that when she died and we (I was by then divorced) obtained a collie pup, I realised from the beginning that no matter what name we came up with, in any sudden emergency I would without doubt shout 'Tina' - so Tina Two she became.

It made a kind of sense then - when asked her name I could say "Oh, she's Tina too." Tinas Three and Four though required explaining.

Tina Three in fact was a most beautiful animal. She was bred as a show dog and had perfect symmetrical markings. The only reason I could afford such a beauty was that her mother had trodden on her head when she was a tiny pup - and her left eye was turned inside her head. In fact, no-one (including the vet on her first visit) ever noticed.

But she knew she was special - and became quite honestly a 'stuck-up bitch' who cordially ignored most people and most other dogs as well. From my point of view this was no bad thing, and her biggest plus point for me was that she considered trains to be the only form of travel worth considering and earned brownie points from many train guards who said they wished most children would behave as well.

She was actually a very good traveller (she hated cars and had to be lifted in, but once there she just laid or sat and sulked.) She was never sick.

Buses were acceptable - though she could never understand why she should not stick her head out into the aisle in order to see forward.

Which leads me to the present Tina Four - though lack of space means: To be continued.

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Members of the Ormskirk and Southport Oddfellows boosted the Southport Offshore Rescue Trust's funds by £775

Oddfellows boost funds for Offshore Rescue Trust

A FRIENDSHIP group have boosted the Southport Offshore Rescue Trust's funds by £775.

The Ormskirk and Southport Oddfellows arrange regular social events and activities in the Southport area and continually fundraise for good causes. For more than 15 years, they have been supporting Southport's coastline heroes with charitable donations.

Southport Offshore Rescue Trust is an independent charity that provides a 24-hour lifesaving lifeboat and land based search and rescue service around the Sefton coastline.

Members of the Oddfellows visited the Trust's lifeboat station on Thursday, August 2 to present them with their most recent financial contribution. The latest donation was raised at two of the Society's fundraising events, explained Oddfellows District chairman, Lillian Leece: "Our members dug deep at a recent dinner dance in the Isle of Man and at a garden party in Southport. What the charity's lifeboat and land rescue crews do day-in, day-out is extraordinary, especially considering they're volunteers. We're very pleased to help where we can."

Based on the Esplanade, the lifeboat station needs a minimum of £60,000 a year to stay in operation, notwithstanding to maintain its two lifeboats, launch vehicles, ATV quad bikes and all other lifesaving equipment used by the crew.

Commenting on the donation, Lifeboat coxswain Keith Porter, said: "We're responsible for all our own financing and fundraising and receive no regular Grant Aid toward the running costs of the lifeboat service. The crew also commit their time freely. So without the generosity of those such as the Oddfellows, we couldn't do what we do. We can't thank them enough for their on-going help."

To make a donation or to find out more about how you can support the work of the Southport Offshore Rescue Trust, contact info@southport-lifeboat.org.uk or call 01704 501471.

For more about the Oddfellows, call Judith Catton on 01704 545279, email judith.catton@oddfellows.co.uk or visit oddfellows.co.uk

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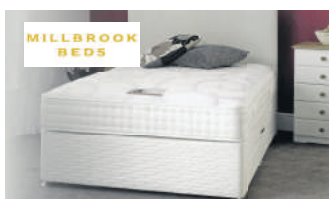

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Residents are advised to plan ahead for Bank Holiday medical needs

WEST Lancashire residents are being advised to think ahead and plan for any medical needs this forthcoming Bank Holiday weekend.

GP practices in West Lancashire will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday (August 27). However, by examining your options, residents need not worry if they fall ill, as a number of pharmacies will be open.

Your local pharmacy can offer free, confidential and expert advice on a range of health issues. They can help you prepare for many common illnesses and ensure you have a well-stocked medicine cabinet over the bank holiday period.

In West Lancashire, the following pharmacies will remain open on Bank Holiday Monday, with their opening times as follows:

August Bank Holiday Monday (August 27) - Asda Pharmacy, Ingram, Skelmersdale - 01695 567 010 - 9am – 6pm; Morrisons In-store Pharmacy, Park Road/Aughton Street, Ormskirk - 01695 573 289 - 10am - 4pm.

You can also find out pharmacy opening times, by visiting the NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) website and following their Twitter and Facebook pages.

In addition to pharmacies, residents are also reminded that there are other health services available over the weekend.

You can find a wealth of trusted advice about hundreds of health conditions and details of GPs and pharmacies in your local area by visiting www.nhs.uk. This useful website also includes a handy symptom checker.

In West Lancashire, residents can see a GP at evenings and weekends at certain times. On Saturdays, GP, nurse and blood clinics are available at Sandy Lane Health Centre, Skelmersdale, Burscough Health Centre and Ormskirk Medical Centre from 10am to 4pm.

On Sundays, GP and nurse appointments are available at Sandy Lane Health Centre, Burscough Health Centre and Ormskirk Medical Practice, from10am to 2pm.

To make an appointment to see an extended hours GP, contact your GP practice.

Additional appointments will be available on Bank Holiday Monday from 10am to 2pm at Sandy Lane Health Centre in Skelmersdale and the Burscough Health Centre.

When surgeries are closed, you can still see a GP with the GP out-of-hours service; just call 111 and you can speak to a local GP over the phone or face to face if necessary.

It is very likely that you and your family will be seen and treated more quickly using the out-of-hours service than if you were waiting to see a doctor in A&E, especially at busy times.

West Lancashire has two walk-in centres which are both open 8am to 8pm seven days a week, including Bank Holiday Monday. The West Lancashire Walk-in Centre in Ormskirk, is based at Ormskirk Hospital, Wigan Road, and the Skelmersdale Walk-in Centre is at The Concourse.

Colleagues within these centres can treat minor injuries and minor ailments.

Dr John Caine, a local GP and chair at NHS West Lancashire, said: "You don't need to make an appointment to visit your local pharmacy, they can treat you for many minor conditions and ailments, saving you a visit to your GP and they can offer help and advice to self-care, so that you can manage conditions at home with a well-stocked medicine cupboard."

Pulmonary Rehabilitation team celebrates 10th anniversary

WEST Lancashire Pulmonary Rehabilitation reaches a special milestone this year, as it celebrates 10 years of helping residents.

Breathe Easy, the local support group of the British Lung Foundation, campaigned for many years to ensure residents of West Lancashire had access to pulmonary rehabilitation.

The Pulmonary Rehab team and West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy Group continue to have great links with the PR team providing a speaker at one of the monthly Breathe Easy meetings each year.

Pulmonary Rehabilitation is a programme of exercise and education for people with a long-term lung condition, such as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD).

Since launching in its present form in 2008, the programme has assisted more than 1,000 people with a respiratory diagnosis.

PR combines a physical exercise programme with advice on lung health, to help a patient find the right level of exercise to help understand, and best manage his/her condition.

Pulmonary Rehab aims not to be a cure, but helps patients to feel better and more in control.

After completing the course, people are advised to carry on exercising regularly, stay active and use the techniques they have learned.

The Pulmonary Rehabilitation staff and some of their patients

Pulmonary Rehab is led by a team of specialist physiotherapists, with experience of working with people affected by lung conditions, who offer an in-depth assessment of peoples' needs and abilities to provide individually tailored activity pro-grammes.The programme is supported by other health professionals including dieticians, pharmacists, respiratory nurses and occupational therapists.

Melanie Reardon, Clinical Specialist Physiotherapist and programme lead, commented: "Anyone affected by breathing problems would benefit from this service and is welcome to attend.

"We provide a specific exercise and education programme which can lead onto referral to exercise in their local community. For those unable to attend we offer a home based programme and can also advise people on what physical activity is available to them where they live and therefore refer them to local exercise schemes.

"Our respiratory specific exercise programmes give people the confidence to get moving and not be afraid of being breathless. We have some exciting changes coming later this year, when we will be working very closely with West Lancashire Community Leisure Services and the local gym facilities at Ormskirk, Burscough, Banks and the Nye Bevan in Skelmersdale, further improving our community links to ensure people continue their exercises."

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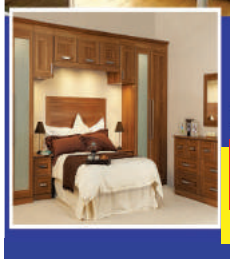

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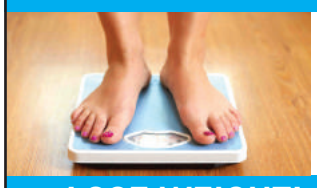

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LET It Be: a celebration of the music of The Beatles returns to the UK for a national tour starting in summer 2018, playing the Liverpool Empire from September 3 to 8 and The Champion has five pairs of tickets to giveaway.

The talented cast who will portray the Fab Four in the show have been revealed - coinciding with the 48th anniversary of Let It Be, the final studio album released by The Beatles – almost a month after the band split.

The album release also came shortly before the film of the same title opened in cinemas.

The show returns to the UK with a new second half of the popular production – giving audiences a rare glimpse of how the band may have continued as a four-piece.

Fans will see The Beatles reunite for one night only, with the new section of the show set a decade after the group went their separate ways.

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‘Thanks for the help’ says charity at 10th birthday bash

Edward McCarthy, sports activities coordinator, centre, with Sporting Challenge charity users.

OFFICIALS of a West Lancs-based charity which provides sporting activities for people with learning disabilities have paid tribute to supporters at a celebration to mark its 10th anniversary.

Sporting Challenge held a birthday bash at the Royal British Legion in Lord Street, Burscough with a buffet, disco and a raffle.

Trustee, Edward McCarthy, who is also the group’s sporting activities co-ordinator and treasurer, said the party was a “huge success”.

And he added: “I’d like to thank everyone who has helped us over the 10 years, especially all the families and our staff and committee.

“Thanks also to Yummy’s Catering for a fantastic buffet, the Royal British Legion for hosting our party, DJ Gary Reece and everyone who donated a raffle prize.”

For more information about Sporting Challenge call 07971 299 606; or you can email Edward-atEMSS@gmail.com or visit www.sporting-challenge.org.uk.

Public are invited to attend NHS Trust meeting

Report by **Champion Reporter**

MEMBERS of the public are invited to Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust’s Annual Members’ Meeting and Membership Conference on Friday, September 14.

The meeting provides an opportunity for the trust to present key information to its members focusing on the achievements of the trust in the past year and a look forward to the challenges that the organisation will face in the future, including the financial outlook.

For trust members, the AMM allows them the opportunity to meet the Trust Board, including Trust chair David Eva and chief executive Heather Tierney-Moore, and to ask the board questions about the organisations vision and priorities.

The event is also a great opportunity to find out more about trust services and getting more involved in Lancashire Care by becoming a volunteer or joining as a member.

The Membership Conference will run from 10am until 2.30pm and the AMM will take place in the middle of the membership conference beginning at 11.30 am and ending at 12.45pm.

The event will be held at Northumbria Hall, St Cuthbert’s, Lytham Road, Fulwood, Preston, and lunch will be provided.

David Keddie, Stakeholder Engagement Manager at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: “Building resilient communities is the theme of the membership conference, which will explore Lancashire Care’s role in supporting recovery and building the resilience of people who use the trust’s services, not just on treating or managing their symptoms.

“The meeting will provide an update about what Lancashire Care is doing in your local area and there will also be a chance to speak with current governors to find out about their roles.

“This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in working with the trust as a governor so please come to find out more about how you can get involved.”

To register your attendance at the AMM and/or Membership Conference, email membership@lancashirecare.nhs.uk or telephone 07534 605214 stating any access or dietary requirements.

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WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre is open every day (except Christmas Day) from 9.30am to 6pm and parking is free of charge. Situated off the A59, it is signposted from the M61, M58 and M6. The Centre is also accessible via the Southport to Manchester and the Liverpool to Preston line by train from Burscough Rail Stations. Visit the web site http://www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere/ to find out what's on all year round at Martin Mere and the other eight WWT Wetland Centres.

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Cricket fans at last season's Lancashire CCC match.

Club hoping for bumper crowd at county match

COUNTY cricket returns to Southport next week when Lancashire take on Worcestershire in a Championship match starting on Wednesday, August 29.

The four day match will take place at Southport & Birkdale's Trafalgar Road ground, starting at 11am each day.

Southport & Birkdale CC has been hosting county cricket for the past 60 years, with Worcester coincidentally the first visitors in 1959.

Both teams have struggled this season in Division One of the Specsavers County Championship and the game is shaping up to be a relegation battle.

Of additional interest to local cricket fans will be the likely appearance of Josh Bohannon for Lancashire who has played for Southport & Birkdale and Ormskirk in the Liverpool Cricket Competition and scored a half century in his Championship debut for the county in this week's match at Surrey.

Southport and Birkdale club chairman Tony Elwood said: "Nearly 8,000 fans saw Durham beat Lancashire, at Trafalgar Road, in 2016 and if the weather is kind, we can anticipate similar numbers for Worcestershire's visit, making it easily the biggest sporting event in the town this year."

Advance tickets are available from the club (https://tinyurl.com/LancsCricket), at prices of £10 for adults or £8 concessions.

The price of hospitality in the President's marquee on Day 1 is £60 per head. Go to www.sandbsportsclub.co.uk for further details

Josh hits 50 on first class debut

FORMER S&B and Ormskirk player Josh Bohannon hit a half-century on his first-class debut for Lancashire this week against Surrey at The Oval.

Bohannon was at the crease for 153 minutes, facing 108 deliveries and hitting seven fours in his 52. His knock helped Lancashire battle back into the four-day County Championship clash on day two after being 129-6 at one stage to finish 247 all out, a first innings lead of 36.

Josh Bohannon.

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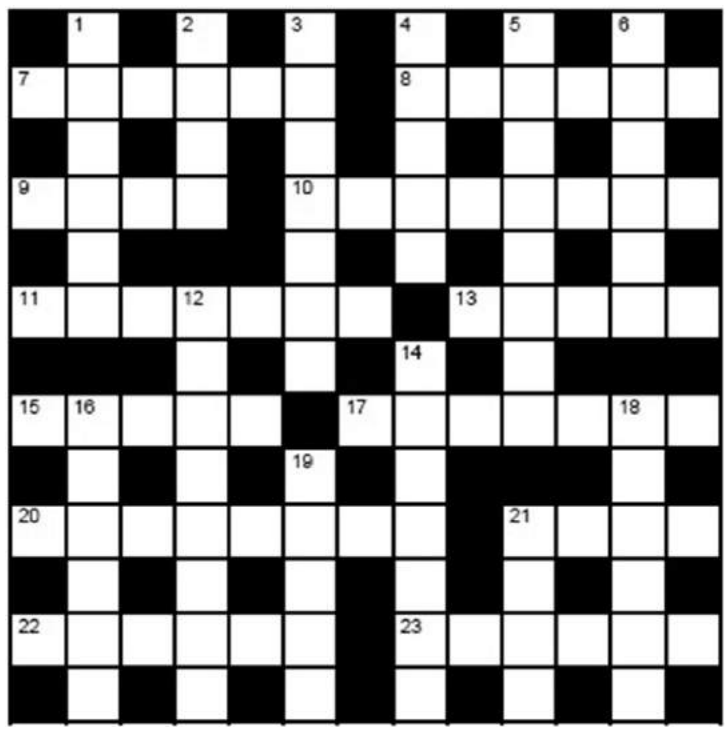

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7 Two equal parts of a whole (6)
8 Make a polite, formal, or friendly request to (someone) to go somewhere or to do something (6)
9 A platform on pillars projecting from the shore into the sea, typically incorporating entertainment arcades and places to eat (4)
10 Propose or formally enter as a candidate for election or for an honour or award (8)
11 A tangerine of a hardy loose-skinned variety, originally grown in Japan (7)
13 Not drunk (5)
15 A German submarine used in the First or Second World War (1-4)
17 Begin to grow or increase rapidly (7)
20 A leg, wing, flipper (8)
21 A cylinder on which film, wire, thread, or other flexible materials can be wound (4)
22 The period of life in which a person is old and weak (6)
23 A person who annoys or criticizes others in order to provoke them into action (6)

DOWN

1 A green or brown film on the surface of bronze or similar metals (6)
2 At any time (4)
3 A long, high sea wave caused by an earthquake or other disturbance (7)
4 The eighteenth letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
5 (in the Christian Church) a service of evening prayers, psalms, and canticles, conducted according to a set form, especially that of the Anglican Church (8)
6 A carved or cast figure of a person or animal, especially one that is life-size or larger (6)
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Picture House announces new season of films and streamings for autumn

HELPERS at Parbold Picture House have announced a new series of films and streamings for the coming months.

On Sunday, September 2 at 7pm The Guernsey Literary and Potato-Peel Pie Literary Society is being shown. It is directed by Mike Newell (Four Weddings and a Funeral) and it stars Lily James, Glen Powell, and Matthew Goode. It is set in 1946. In the film a writer arrives to discover the story of Guernsey residents during the WWII occupation.

The National Theatre Live streaming of Julie can be seen on Thursday, September 6 at 7pm. It stars Vanessa Kirby and Eric Kofi Abrefa, and is directed by Carrie Cracknell in a re-working by Polly Stenham of August Strindberg's classic war of the classes and the sexes.

On Sunday, September 16 at 7pm The Shape of Water is being shown. It is written/directed by Guillermo del Toro and stars: Sally Hawkins, Octavia Spencer, Michael Shannon. The film, which won the Best Picture at the Oscars this year is set in 1962, USA: The action in the film takes place in a top-secret Government bunker where a cleaner and her co-worker, discover a secret experiment.

THE NT streaming of King Lear can be seen on Thursday, September 27 at 7pm. The play stars Ian McKellen in a chamber version of Shakespeare's tragedy, originally produced at Chichester Festival Theatre and received five-star reviews for its sell-out run.

People can see A Fantastic Woman on Sunday, September 30 at 7pm. It is directed by Sebastián Lelio and stars Daniela Vega. The film won the Best Foreign Language Picture at this year's Oscars. In the film Marina Vidal's life is thrown into turmoil when her partner dies, and his family shuns her and she has to fight back…

Chance to see The National Theatre Live streaming of Julie

On Sunday, October 14 at 7pm Phantom Thread can be seen. It is written and directed by Paul Thomas Anderson and stars Daniel Day Lewis, Lesley Manville, and Vicky Krieps. It is set in 1950s London at the heart of British fashion for the rich and famous. In the film a designer meets and falls under the spell of a strong-willed woman.

The film A Quiet Passion can be seen on Sunday, October 28 at 7pm. It is written and directed by Terence Davies and stars Cynthia Nixon, Jennifer Ehle, and Keith Carradine. The film is a powerful study of 19th century poet Emily Dickinson, from her rebellious youth to the mature hopes and desires of the writer of some of America's most resonant poems.

On Sunday, November 11 at 7pm Journey's End is being shown. The film is directed by Saul Dibb and stars Sam Claflin, Asa Butterfield, Toby Jones, Tom Sturridge, and Paul Bettany. This film is set in March, 1918, on the Western Front and looks at Captain Stanhope who leads C company to the front to meet an expected enemy advance.

SDC opening new season

THE SDC's opening show of the new season is the Youth Theatre's production of Godspell – The 2012 Revival, directed by John Delahunty.

Godspell was the first major musical theatre offering from three-time Grammy and Academy Award winner, Stephen Schwartz (Wicked, Pippin, Children of Eden) and it took the world by storm.

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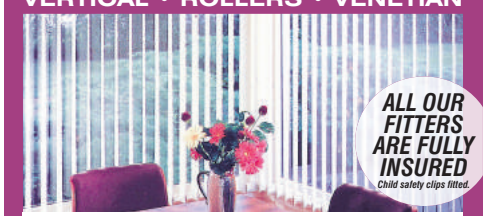

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Grateful thanks to Fr. Phil Gregory for his kind ministrations.
Special thanks to Michael and Michelle of M. Rushton Funeral Directors, for all their kindness, support and compassion shown at this time.
"We are so grateful we turned to a family business".

WARD
JENNIFER

Beverley and friends would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended the funeral service for Jennifer.
Special thanks to The Country Florist for their wonderful floral tributes, Dan Abraham for his beautiful words at the service.
All the staff at Aaronmore Park Rest Home for all their care and attention given to Jennifer.
Rev. Eileen Heaney for her kind ministrations and April Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors for their dignified funeral arrangements.
Grateful thanks to you all.

DEATHS

BROWN
KYLE

My Beautiful Son
29/06/87 - 09/08/18

Now i know how it feels to be broken hearted. I'll love and miss you forever. Life wont be the same without you.
Mummsie xxxx

DEATHS

GLOVER
MARY

Passed away peacefully aged 81 years of Heskin Fields Burscough

Re-united with Joe, Mary will be sadly missed, by all her friends and neighbours. Funeral Service took place at West Lancs Crematorium on Tuesday 21st August 2018. Donations are being gratefully received for Dementia Care. Donations and further enquiries please to Louis Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton. Tele. 01695 424888

BALSHAW
PAUL

August 12th 2018
Peacefully in a Nursing Home
Aged 64 Years
from Haskayne

Dearly loved Brother of Nigel, Colin and the late Pat. Dear Brother-In-Law of Jean, Trish and the late Gordon. Loved Uncle of his Neice and Nephews. Service & Cremation at West Lancs Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough, L40 7SP on Wednesday August 29th at 2.30 pm. Family Flowers only Please.

SEARSON
DAVID

19th August 2018
Peacefully in hospital aged 77 years

Much loved Husband, Dad, Grandad, Great Grandad, Brother and Uncle. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Details and further enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Services 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

DEATHS

HOLCROFT
DANIEL

Of Burscough

Peacefully passed away 11th August 2018

Aged 93 years

Loving Dad to Matthew. Grandad to Lily. Daniel will be missed by his many friends and all who knew him. Funeral service to take place at St John the Baptist Church, School Lane, Burscough on Wednesday 29th August 2018 at 1pm. Family flowers only please, however donations are kindly being received for the Cats Protection League.

Further enquiries to Newland & Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors, 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, PR4 6RJ. Telephone 01772 811165

GRIMES
BRENDA

13th August 2018
Peacefully in hospital aged 75 years

Loving Wife of the late Bill, devoted Mum of Peter, Ann and Jenny, dear Mother-in-law of Kevin, James and Lynn. Cherished Nan and Great Nan of all her Grandchildren. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service will take place at St Helens Crematorium on Monday 3rd September at 11am. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel:01695 559868

BROWN
KYLE

Loving Son
29/06/87 - 09/08/18

Peacefully fell asleep, you'll be in my heart for evermore. No tears, no words can explain how i feel. Until we meet again. Love and miss you, Dad - YNWA XXX

DEATHS

PARKER
JOHN

After a long illness on 10th August 2018 aged 60 Years

Much loved Husband of Fiona. Much loved Dad of Nicola and Elizabeth. Loving Grandad of Cameron. A much loved Son of Alma and Jack. Devoted Brother of Charles and Anne. John will be sadly missed by all his family and all who knew him. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Thursday 30th August 2018 at 4pm. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Queenscourt Hospice and Cancer Research UK. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel 01704 897770.

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PARKINSON
CAROL

Of Burscough
Aged 73 Years
Passed away peacefully on 15th August 2018

Mum to Paul. Mother-In-Law to Diane. Grandma to James, Emma and Jonny. Great-Grandma to Lilly-Mae and Tommy. Mother to Neil. Carol will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Funeral service to take place at St John the Baptist Church, School Lane, Burscough on Tuesday 28th August at 2pm Family flowers only however donations are kindly being received for Queenscourt Hospice.

Further enquiries to Newland & Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, Lancashire. PR4 6RJ. Telephone 01772 811165

DEATHS

BIMPSON
CAROL ANN

Passed away suddenly at home on 10th August 2018 aged 57 years of Ormskirk

Dearly Loved Wife of Geoffrey, Devoted Mum of Nikki, Son in law Ste, and Step Daughter Natasha. Much Loved Sister of Leslie & Sister in Law Karen. Loving Nana of Dylan, Elise, Fayer, Alfie & Alex, Dear Wife of the late Brian. Sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service at Ormskirk Parish Church on Friday 24th August 2018 at 11.15 am, followed by committal at West Lancs Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request, but donations are being gratefully received for MIND or Ormskirk Parish Church. Donations and further enquires please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton. Tel: 01695 424888.

HARRISON
PETER
ABRAM

8th August 2018

It is with great sadness that the family announce the passing of Peter at his home on Wednesday 8th August 2018. Peter was born in 1973 and is survived by his siblings Michaela, Steven and Damian. Peter had a big, kind heart and will be missed by everyone, especially his Niece Grace and his Nephews Gregory, Mael and Max. His funeral will be held at 11.30am on Friday 24th August 2018 at West Lancashire Crematorium. Peter was a longstanding supporter of The British Heart Foundation and his family would prefer his friends donated to this charity in his name rather than send flowers. http://giftofhope.bhf.org.uk/in-memory/Peter-Harrison

DEATHS

WILSON
MARIA
(nee Scogings)

Passed away suddenly whilst on holiday in Mallorca Spain, 27th July 2018 aged 59 years of Ormskirk

Beloved Wife of Ricky, Much Loved Sister of Tricia & Pauline, Devoted Aunty of Michael, Stuart & Lisa.
"I remember the day I met you Maria, and the day that you were mine,
I remember the day I lost you darling and will till the end of time"
Love as always Ricky
xxxxxxx
Requiem Mass at St. Annes R.C Church, Ormskirk on Friday 24th August 2018 at 12.30 pm. followed by committal at West Lancs Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request, but donations if so desired for St. Annes Church. Donations and further enquires please to Margaret Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton. Tel: 01695 424888.

O'CONNOR
JOHN
EDWARD

9th August 2018
Suddenly in hospital aged 54 years

Much loved Partner of Claire, devoted Dad of Kieron, loving Son, Brother, Uncle, much loved Son-in-law, Brother-in-law and Godfather. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 24th August at 1pm. Family flowers only please by request. Donations are yet to be decided. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel:01695 559868

DEATHS

TAYLOR
ELEANOR
(NELL)

3rd April 1918

Passed away peacefully at Arranmore Park Care Home on Sunday 12th August 2018 aged 100 years

Loving Wife of Harry (deceased), Dear Mum of Jean and Harry, Mother in law to Ken (deceased) and Barbara. Gran to Joanne, Neil, Kirsty and Andrew.
Great Gran to Calum, Emily, Ben, Mark, Thomas and Rose.
Loved and missed by all her family and friends. Thank you to Arranmore Park for their care and kindness to Mum during her stay there.
Funeral Service at West Lancs Crematorium on Wednesday 29th August 2018 at 11.30am. Family flowers only please, donations and further enquires please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a, Liverpool Road North, Burscough Tel: 01704 891555.

BIBBY
GORDON

Retired Southport Police Sergeant passed peacefully in Queenscourt Hospice on Sunday 19th August aged 77 years surrounded by family

Devoted Husband to Wendy and much loved Father to Dave, Sue and Cath. Adored Grandfather to Sam, Amy and Chloe.
We will all miss you very much. Funeral service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 7th September at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Queenscourt Hospice. Further information Hunters of Ormskirk, 128b Burscough St, Ormskirk L39 2EY Tel:01695 572997

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DEATHS

BOURNE GEORGE

14th August 2018
At his home in Skelmersdale
aged 68 years

Cherished Father of Justin, dear Father in law of Mandy and loving Grandad of Jamie, Liam and Harry. Re-united with his beloved Wife Ann and his Mum, Dad and Sister Janet. "together again". Funeral service at St Helens Crematorium on Tuesday 28th August 2018 at 11:00am. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

WATSON DOROTHY

August 13th 2018
Aged 90 years

Beloved Mum to Martin and John. Car booter extraordinaire and Southport's fastest buggy driver. We love you, we miss you. Funeral service at Southport crematorium on Tuesday 28th August at 12:00pm No flowers please. All enquiries to Broadbent & Seddon Funeral Directors 33 Liverpool Road, Southport PR8 4AG Tel: 01704 550055

DEATHS

NEWTON IAN JAMES

Passed away peacefully
16th August 2018
aged 71 years

Loving and Best Ever Husband of Joan, Most Loved and Best Friend to his Boys, Dearly Loved by all his Family. Funeral Service at West Lancs Crematorium on Thursday 23rd August 2018 at 10.45 am. Family flowers only please by request but donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice and Silverbirch Lodge. Donations and further enquires please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton Tel: 01695 424888

DEATHS

VINTEN SUSAN

15th August 2018
Peacefully in hospital
aged 68 years

Loving Wife of the late Colin, devoted Mum of Paul and Susanne, dear Mother-in-law of Susan and Barry. Cherished Nan and Great Nan of all her Grandchildren. Much loved Sister of Edith, Graham, Barrie, Brian and Karen. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Thursday 23rd August 11.30am. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel:01695 559868

DEATHS

BROWN KYLE

9th August 2018
Peacefully at home holding his Mum's hand
aged 31 years

Much loved Son of Allan and Joanne, loving Grandson, Nephew, Cousin, Uncle and a dear friend to many. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at Greenacres on Thursday 23rd August at 2pm. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Shy Lowen Horse Sanctuary. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, BURNLEY, HYNDBURN, PRESTON, RIBBLE VALLEY, ROSSENDALE, WEST LANCASHIRE AND WYRE) (PART REVOCATIONS AND VARIOUS PARKING RESTRICTIONS FEBRUARY (NO1)) ORDER 201*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council propose to make the above Traffic Regulation Order under Sections 1, 2 and 4 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to: 1. Revoke the "Lancashire County Council (Burnley Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to Item (15) (ii) of Schedule 11.087. 2. Revoke the "Lancashire County Council (Hyndburn Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to: a. Item (229) a) of Schedule 10.01; b. Item (3) of Schedule 12.114. 3. Revoke the "Lancashire County Council (Preston Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to: a. Item (16) of Schedule 11.018; b. The whole of Item (17) of Schedule 11.018; c. Item (4) of Schedule 11.108; d. Item (5) of Schedule 11.108. 4. Revoke the "Lancashire County Council (Ribble Valley Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to: a. The whole of Schedule 3.17; b. The whole of Schedule 8.01. 5. Revoke the "Lancashire County Council (Straight Mile Court, Leyland Road, Burnley, Burnley Borough) Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2011" insofar as it relates to Item 2 of the Schedule. 6. Revoke the "Lancashire County Council (Bentham Avenue, Colne Road, Queens Road and Pratt Street, Burnley, Burnley Borough) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) Order 2013" insofar as it relates to Item (a) of Schedule 2.
7. Revoke the "Lancashire County Council (Bolton Avenue and Whinney Hill Road, Accrington, Hyndburn Borough) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2014" insofar as it relates to Item (a) of the Schedule. 8. Revoke the "Lancashire County Council (Bank Street, Blackburn Road, Queen Street and Tasker Street, Accrington, Hyndburn Borough) (Disabled Parking Place and Limited Waiting) Order 2016" insofar as it relates to: a. Item (d) of Schedule 2; b. Item (e) of Schedule 2 c. Item (f) of Schedule 2 d. Item (g) of Schedule 2; e. Item (h) of Schedule 2. 9. Revoke the "Lancashire County Council (Alma street, Bacup, Bacup Road, Waterfoot, Barlow Street, Fallbarn Fold, Haslingden Road, Bury Road, Rawtenstall, Northfield Road, Roundhill View, Commerce Street, Haslingden, Rossendale Borough) (Revocation, Prohibition of Waiting, Restriction of Waiting, Limited Waiting and Prohibition of Loading and Unloading) Order 2016" insofar as it relates to Schedule 4. 10. Introduce a prohibition of waiting in the following lengths of road: a. Blackgate Lane, Tarleton, the north-east side, from its junction with the centre line of Southport New Road for a distance of 32 metres in a south-westerly direction; b. Bolton Avenue, Accrington, the north-east side, from its junction with the centre line of Whinney Hill Road for a distance of 166 metres in a south-easterly direction; c. Bolton Avenue, Accrington, the south-east side, from a point 64 metres south-east of its junction with the centre line of Whinney Hill Road for a distance of 49 metres in a south-easterly direction; d. Clayton Street, Great Harwood, the west side, from a point 53 metres south of its junction with the centre line of Commercial Street/Ward Street for a distance of 20 metres in a southerly direction; e. Falcon Street, Preston, both sides, from its junction with the centre line of St Stephen's Road/St Gregory Road for a distance of 15 metres in a southerly direction; f. Gable 40 Whalley Road, Accrington, the north-west side, from a point 27 metres north-east of its junction with the centre line of Whalley Road for a distance of 2 metres in a north-easterly direction; g. Holborn Hill, Ormskirk, the south-west side, from its junction with the centre line of St Annes Road for a distance of 40 metres in a south-westerly direction; h. Leyland Road, Burnley, the west side from its junction with the centre line of Felix Street for a distance of 96 metres in a southerly direction; i. Lincoln Street, Burnley, the east side, from its junction with the centre line of Marlborough Street for a distance of 54 metres in a southerly direction; j. Lincoln Street, Burnley, the west side, from its junction with the centre line of Marlborough Street for a distance of 19 metres in a southerly direction; k. Lincoln Street, Burnley, the west side, from a point 35 metres south from its junction with the centre line of Marlborough Street for a distance of 13 metres in a southerly direction; l. Marlborough Street, Burnley, the south side, from its junction with the centre line of Lincoln Street for a distance of 15 metres in an easterly direction; m. Newhouse Road, Accrington, both sides, from its junction with the centre line of Bolton Avenue for a distance of 30 metres in a south-westerly direction; n. Prescot Road, Ormskirk, the north-west side, from a point 38 metres south-west of its junction with the centre line of St Annes Road for a distance of 70 metres in a north-easterly direction; o. Prescot Road, Ormskirk, the south-west side, from a point 7 metres south-west of its junction with the centre line of St Annes Road for a distance of 31 metres in a south-westerly direction; p. Queens Park Road, Burnley, both sides, from a point 250 metres south-east of its junction with the centre line of Queen Victoria Road for a distance of 65 metres in a south-easterly direction; q. St Annes Road, Ormskirk, both sides, from its junction with the centre line of Holborn Hill for a distance of 20 metres in a southerly direction; r. St Annes Road, Ormskirk, the north-east side, from its junction with the centre line of Prescot Road for a distance of 32.5 metres in a north-westerly direction; s. St Annes Road, Ormskirk, the north-west side, from its junction with the centre line of Prescot Road for a distance of 39 metres in a north-westerly direction; t. St Gregory Road, Preston, the north-west side, from its junction with the centre line of Falcon Street for a distance of 20 metres in a north-easterly direction; u. St Gregory Road, Preston, the south-east side, from its junction with the centre line of Falcon Street for a distance of 12 metres in a north-easterly direction; v. St Stephen's Road, Preston, the north side from its junction with the centre line of Falcon Street for a distance of 10 metres in a westerly direction; w. St Stephen's Road, Preston, the south side, from its junction with the centre line of Falcon Street for a distance of 5 metres in a westerly direction; x. Taylors Lane, Tarleton, both sides, from its junction with the centre line of Blackgate Lane, in an easterly, then south-easterly direction for a distance of 48 metres; y. Whinney Hill Road, Altham, the north-west side, from its junction with the centre line of Whalley Road for a distance of 122 metres in a north-easterly direction; z. Woodland Drive, Clayton-le-moors, both sides, from its junction with the centre line of Clayton Hall Drive for a distance of 18 metres in a northerly direction. 11. Introduce a restriction of waiting, on any day between 10am and 10pm in the following lengths of road: a. St Gregory Road, Preston, the north-west side, from its junction with the centre line of Lowthorpe Road/Skeffington Road to a point 20 metres north-east of its centre line of with Falcon Street; b. St Stephen's Road, Preston, the north side, from a point 20 metres east of its junction with the centre line of Deepdale Road to a point 10 metres west of its junction with the centre line of Falcon Street. 12. Introduce a restriction of waiting, Monday to Friday between 8am and 6pm in the following lengths of road: a. Elkfield Drive, Poulton-le-fylde, both sides, from its junction with the centre line of Westfield Avenue for a distance of 13.5 metres in a southerly direction; b. Westfield Avenue, Poulton-le-fylde, the north side, from a point 25.5 metres west of its junction with the centre line of Blackpool Old Road for a distance of 56.5 metres in a westerly direction; c. Westfield Avenue, Poulton-le-fylde, the south side, from a point 34.5 metres west of its junction with the centre line of Blackpool Old Road for a distance of 118.5 metres in a westerly direction. 13. Introduce a restriction of waiting, Saturday between 1pm and 6pm and Tuesday between 6pm and 10pm, in the following lengths of road: a. Mitella Street, Burnley, the east side, from a point 19 metres south-east from its junction with the centre line of Lyndhurst Road to its junction with the centre line of Brockenhurst Street; b. Mitella Street, Burnley, the west side, from a point 19 metres south-east from its junction with the centre line of Lyndhurst Road to its junction with the centre line of Athletic Street. 14. Introduce a restriction of waiting, Monday to Friday between 9am and 4pm in Bentham Avenue, Burnley, the south side, from its junction with the centre line of Laurier Road for a distance of 79 metres in an easterly direction. 15. Introduce limited waiting for 1 hour, with no return within 1 hour, Monday to Saturday between 8am and 6pm in the following lengths of road: a. Barlow Street, Rawtenstall, the north side, from a point 10 metres west of its junction with the centre line of Bank Street for a distance of 25 metres in a westerly direction; b. Blackburn Road, Accrington, the north side, from a point 10 metres east of its junction with the centre line of Bridge Street to a point 10 metres west of its junction with the centre line of Bank Street; c. Blackburn Road, Accrington, the north side, from a point 20 metres east of its junction with the centre line of Bank Street for a distance of 15 metres in an easterly direction; d. Queen Street, Accrington, the east side, from a point 3.5 metres north of its junction with the centre line of Tasker Street for a distance of 17 metres in a northerly direction; e. Queen Street, Accrington, the south side, from a point 7 metres west of its junction with the centre line of Abbey Street for a distance of 14 metres in a westerly direction; f. Tasker Street, Accrington, the north side, from a point 6 metres west of its junction with the centre line of Abbey Street for a distance of 18.5 metres in a westerly direction.
16. Introduce limited waiting for 2 hours, with no return within 2 hours, Monday to Saturday between 8am and 6pm in the following lengths of road: a. Cannon Street, Accrington, the north-east side, from a point 6 metres east of its junction with the centre line of Eagle Street for a distance of 20 metres in a south-easterly direction; b. Cannon Street, Accrington, the north-east side, from a point 41 metres south east of its junction with the centre line of Eagle Street for a distance of 35 metres in a south-easterly direction; c. Cannon Street, Accrington, the north-east side, from a point 82 metres south-east of its junction with the centre line of Eagle Street for a distance of 20 metres in a south-easterly direction; d. Cannon Street, Accrington, the north-east side, from a point 107 metres south-east of its junction with the centre line of Eagle Street for a distance of 14 metres in a south-easterly direction.
17. Introduce a restriction of loading/unloading, on any day between 10am and 10pm, in the following lengths of road: a. St Gregory Road, Preston, the north-west side, from its junction with the centre line of Lowthorpe Road/Skeffington Road to a point 20 metres north-east of its junction with the centre line of Falcon Street; b. St Stephen's Road, Preston, the north side, from a point 20 metres east of its junction with the centre line of Deepdale Road to a point 10 metres west of its junction with the centre line of Falcon Street. 18. Introduce a prohibition of stopping on School Keep Clear markings, Monday to Friday between 8am and 6pm, in the following lengths of road: a. St Charles Road, Rishton, the north-west side, from a point 18 metres south-west of its junction with the centre line of Maple Street for a distance of 24.5 metres in a south-westerly direction; b. Wordsworth Road, Accrington, the west side, from a point 26 metres north of its junction with the centre line of Clarence Road for a distance of 26 metres in a northerly direction. 19. Introduce a taxi stand, on any day between 8pm -midnight and midnight - 6am, in Castle Street, Clitheroe, the east side, from a point 88 metres north of its junction with the centre line of Parson Lane (B6243) for a distance of 27 metres in a northerly direction. 20. Introduce a loading bay, on any day between 6am and 8pm, in Castle Street, Clitheroe, the east side, from a point 88 metres north of its junction with the centre line of Parson Lane (B6243) for a distance of 27 metres in a northerly direction.

A copy of the draft Order and associated documents for proposing to make the Order may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of Burnley Borough Council, Town Hall, Manchester Road, Burnley, Lancashire, BB11 9SA, of Hyndburn Borough Council, Scaitcliffe House, Ormerod Street, Accrington, Lancashire, BB5 0PF, of Preston City Council, PO Box 10, Town Hall, Lancaster Road, Preston, Lancashire, PR1 2RL, of Ribble Valley Borough Council. Council Offices. Church Walk. Clitheroe, Lancashire, BB7 2RA, of Rossendale Borough Council - One Stop Shop, The Business Centre, Futures Park, Newchurch Road, Bacup, Lancashire, OL13 0BB, of West Lancashire Borough Council, PO Box 16, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L39 2DF, of Wyre Borough Council, Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire, FY6 7PU and at the offices of the Director of Corporate Services, Lancashire County Council, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, Preston, Lancashire, PR1 8XJ, and on Lancashire County Council's website http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/roads/roadworks-and-traffic-regulation-orders/permanent.aspx. Any representations or objections (specifying the grounds on which they are made) relating to the proposal must be made in writing and should be sent to the Director of Corporate Services, Lancashire County Council, PO Box 78, County Hall, Preston, Lancashire, PR1 8XJ or by e-mail to tro-consultation@lancashire.gov.uk **quoting ref:LSG4\894.6720\ML2** before the 21 September 2018.

Laura Sales, Director of Corporate Services, 22 August 2018.

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(MOTORFEST VEHICLE PARADE EVENT, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
(TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ONE-WAY TRAFFIC) ORDER 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council ("The County Council") have made an Order under **Section 16A** of the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycle (apart from those participating in the parade) from proceeding over the full lengths of road, unless otherwise stated, in Ormskirk, in the Borough of West Lancashire, the details of which are set out in the Schedule to this Order.

Alternative routes for vehicular traffic affected by the closure will be:
i) A570 Liverpool Road (Bickerstaffe) – A506 Liverpool Road (Bickerstaffe) – Long Lane (Bickerstaffe) – Long Lane (Aughton) - B5197 Prescot Road – B5197 St Annes Road – A59 Holburn Hill – A59 County Road and vice versa.
ii) A570 Ormskirk Road (Bickerstaffe) – A570 St Helens Road – A570 Knowsley Road – A577 Wigan Road and vice versa.

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The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the holding of the "Motorfest" Vehicle Parade event.

The prohibition will be operative from 1430 hours until 1700 hours on Sunday 26th August 2018, or sooner if the event finishes earlier **AND FURTHER**, the existing one-way traffic restrictions on Moorgate, Ormskirk, will be temporarily suspended for the duration of the event.

Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/12232/LSW]

Schedule of Temporary Road Closures

Motorfest Vehicle Parade Event, Ormskirk 2018

Road	Section of Road Affected
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A570 Derby Street	From its junction with B5319 Burscough Street to its junction with A570 Stanley Street
A570 Stanley Street	From its junction with A570 Derby Street to its junction with A577 Moor Street/Wigan Road
A577 Moor Street	From its junction with A577 Wigan Road to its junction with A577 St Helens Road
A577 St Helens Road	From its junction with A577 Moor Street to its junction with A570 Park Road
A570 Park Road	From its junction with A577 St Helens Road to its junction with A570 Church Street
A577 Moor Street	From its junction with A577 St Helens Road to its junction with Railway Road (0900-1700)

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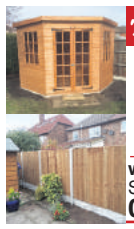

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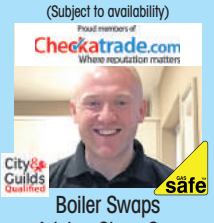

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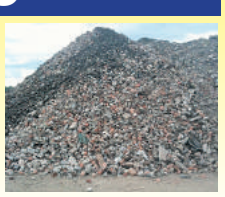
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Which reveals not much about the Rover 75 but says an awful lot about how Italy, deep down, is obsessed with English heritage. They adore Earl Grey and reading about Wills 'n' Kate.

In return we're a nation deeply in love with our trattorias, linguine and Lambrettas (well, I am, anyway). We know that their coffee's better than ours and that the stuff being strutted down the catwalks of Milan is considerably more chic than anything we show off in London. Most tellingly of all, we as a nation are still infatuated with the Fiat 500.

It is, despite a 2016 facelift so delicate that you wouldn't notice, essentially the same car introduced 11 years ago, and yet it's still Fiat's biggest seller here. Fiat 500s are the snowflakes of motoring – and I don't mean that they're easily offended. When they're around they're lovely to look at and hardly ever identical, despite there being millions of 'em.

I can also say that strap me into an Abarth version with the 170bhp Essesse kit and I'll squeak like an excited kitten, but having spent a weekend whizzing around in a 1.2-litre Lounge model it seems that the dear old 500 might be showing its age a bit. Sure, it's now got an infotainment system neatly integrated into the dash and the super-light steering when it's in City mode is genuinely handy, but head onto the motorway in one and it's a noisy companion. It's not the 70bhp engine that's the issue, just that you notice the wind and tyre noise a lot more than you'd expect.

The Fiat 500 might be showing its age, but it's still thoroughly likeable

It's also fair to say that a Renault Twingo's more fun to drive, a Volkswagen Up feels better built and a Ford Ka+ is a lot more practical, but that's a bit like saying you'd rather have a tap water than a glass of red with your friends on a Friday. Wearing my sensible hat I'd have to recommend that you don't buy a 500 – but I know that you'll ignore me, and I completely understand why.

I like the Fiat 500. With every facelift and new model the MINI seems a bit further removed from the classic that long inspired it, but the longer the Italians leave their baby alone the better the styling seems to work. I'm not a fan of the TwinAir, but I delight in the fact you can rev the nuts off the four-cylinder models and still get 45 or more to a gallon. And I especially like the fact that something with a respectable-if-not-brilliant Euro NCAP safety rating (three stars, since you're asking) doesn't weigh the same as a small moon and can easily slot into even the meanest of multi-storey parking spaces.

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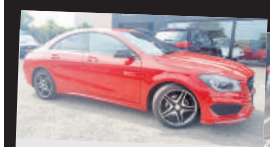
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Skem concede three goals in opening nine minutes to endure nightmare start

Skelmersdale United 0
Leek Town 4

Skem and Leek players battle for the ball

SKELMERSDALE had a nightmare start to the season when they went 3-0 behind after only nine minutes and ended the match with only nine men, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

The Skelmersdale defence was all too standoffish and square across the back early on and it cost them dearly.

Leek number nine Tim Grice ran at the home defence in the first minute, dribbled around four players then laid the ball into the path of Niall Maguire who netted with a low shot from 12 yards.

In the fifth minute a long ball wasn't dealt with properly and the ball ran to away midfielder Dan Trickett-Smith who ran and put a low powerful shot into the corner of the goal from 20 yards.

Three minutes later Skelmersdale goalkeeper Chris Cheetham made a double save from a Trickett-Smith free kick as Leek continued to pile on the pressure.

In the ninth minute possession was lost midway inside Skem's half, Maguire pushed the ball through to Grice who was one on one with Cheetham and stroked the ball past him to make it 3-0.

Skelmersdale could easily have collapsed there and then but to their credit they started to make some progress up the other end but were then dealt what can only be described as a killer blow in the twentieth minute.

A long ball was headed on and Trickett-Smith ran towards goal, just outside the penalty area, Callum Woods stretched from behind the player and brought him down. A free-kick was given and Woods was given a red card.

The second-half saw Skelmersdale start well. In the 53rd minute Jason Carey's shot unluckily hit the far post and bounced out to Belger, and somehow his effort didn't go in, appearing to hit the same post then goalkeeper Roberts.

Trickett-Smith showed exactly why Liverpool had paid £300,000 for him a few years ago when he curled a beautifully weighted free-kick around the Skem defensive wall to make it 4-0.

The final talking point came on 81 minutes and the reasons are still unclear.

Quite out of the blue Belger started shouting at the referee and booted the ball into the stand and he was shown the red card.

Unless appeals are made both Woods and Belger will miss Skelmersdale's FA Cup tie at Ashton Athletic next week, when manager Dave Powell will be visiting a previous hunting ground.

Ultimately though, it was the slow start that caused an impossible situation and their failure to deal with the outstanding Trickett-Smith.

They will not meet a player as good as Trickett-Smith regularly and they are experienced enough to sort the defence out.

Misfiring Linnets still hunting first league win

Burscough 0
Bootle 3

BURSCOUGH slipped to a third league defeat against local rivals Bootle.

Missing a couple of players who were recovering from the rigours of last week's terrific FA Cup replay success at 1874 Northwich, Burscough set out on the offensive.

Josh Dunroe was put into the clear by Chad Whyte but put his shot over the crossbar.

That crossbar came into play on Burscough's next foray into attack. Whyte firing in a powerful effort that thumped back off the crossbar.

Almost straight after the near miss, Burscough suffered the ultimate punishment.

Bootle number ten Tom Peers held the ball up well on the left hand side of the Crabtree Lane End penalty area and significantly was allowed to turn and play the ball to Elliott Nevitt who had the space to play a right-foot shot into the right side of the Burscough net.

After the restart Bootle went onto the attack and it was their turn to be wasteful, both Peers and former Burscough striker Nevitt going close.

This was followed by a penalty for the visitors. However, Nevitt was denied with his spot-kick by a fine diving save from Burscough's young goalkeeper Lee Robinson.

In the 64th minute, a cross came into the Burscough area from the right and keeper Robinson went to punch clear but didn't get to the ball, instead it went to the far post and former Skelmersdale United forward Anthony Hickey was able to pick his spot with his close range header to make it 0-2.

Sadly for Burscough they were finally beaten 12 minutes from the end when Bootle converted from the penalty spot.

...as attention turns to FA Cup action

BOTH the West Lancashire non-league teams are in FA Cup action on Saturday with Preliminary Round ties that are far from easy.

Skelmersdale United travel to Ashton-in-Makerfield where they will play Ashton Athletic while Burscough entertain former FA Cup Quarter Finalists Northwich Victoria at Victoria Park Burscough, both ties kicking off at 3pm.

Skelmersdale enter the competition for the first time this year and the FA hat has dealt them a tricky local derby. Ashton Athletic did well in the FA Cup last year and were only knocked out by Chorley in a close encounter.

Both teams will be busy on Bank Holiday Monday. Skelmersdale have a local derby at home to Runcorn Linnets, kick off 3pm, while Burscough travel to play City of Liverpool kick off 3pm.

Runcorn Linnets won the North-West Counties league title last season and will bring a good crowd with them. They are considered by many around Runcorn to be the successors to the now defunct Runcorn FC and are well supported by Evo-Stik West standards. City of Liverpool has a strong support base so Burscough's match will be quite an occasion too.

For the statisticians among the Champion readers, Northwich Victoria reached the FA Cup quarter-final in 1883/84 season, when they were beaten 9-1 by the then FA Cup holders Blackburn Olympic.

Burscough fall just short at S&B after brave effort

BURSCOUGH suffered a narrow defeat to Southport & Birkdale who opened up a 48 point lead at the top of the First Division with a 17 run home win.

S&B chose to bat and were indebted to a fine 82 from Isaac Lea, 35 from Bard Yates, a swashbuckling 43 from Chris Cunningham and 21 from skipper Chris Firth who helped steady the innings during a mid innings collapse, whilst Chris Andrews returned to his former club to take 4-95 and skipper Jon Stone claimed 3-12.

In reply, Brendan Domigan 71, Daniel Unsworth 40 and an unbeaten 41* from Alan Murray made the hosts fight all the way until Angus Gailey 4-24 trapped last man James Crowley lbw to dismiss Burscough for 206, with all rounder Cunningham weighing in with 4-56.

Third placed Ainsdale did their chances of promotion no harm with a two wicket win at Newton le Willows, the hosts were asked to bat with skipper Marc De Brabander 56 and Ian Walkden 28 top scoring in their 169 total, whilst the pick of the bowlers were in form Martyn Farrell 5-52 and Sam White 4-42.

In reply, skipper Stephen Lucas anchored the run chase with 83, before John Thompson 12* and Farrell 4* guided them to victory on 170-8, with Ben Walkden taking 4-24.

Fleetwood Hesketh put a huge dent in Orrell Red Triangle's promotion push with a remarkable 16 run fightback victory at Sea Cop.

Hesketh chose to bat and were once again let down by their batsmen as they were dismissed for 104, with Huw Summerfield 25 and Geeth Malinda 24 scoring almost half of the total, whilst Afaq Sartaj 5-20 shone with the ball.

In reply, Sam Heeley was left stranded on 30* as the rest of team had no answer to the pace and swing of Gavin Dickenson 5-29 and Ryan Thomas 5-40 who combined perfectly to dismiss the visitors for 88.

Ormskirk lose ground on table toppers Northern after shock defeat to Leigh

NORTHERN extended their lead at the top of the Liverpool & District Cricket Competition Premier Division to 60 points after a 96 run win at Rainhill, with Ormskirk suffering a shock home defeat to Leigh, *writes Glenn Wallworth.*

After choosing to bat Northern recovered from 46-4 to post 220-9 declared up on the board, thanks in the main to a century from Liam Grey 100 (11x4) and back up from Chris Brownlow with 38.

In reply, Tom Sephton took his league wicket tally to 76 with 5-53 as Rainhill were dismissed for 124, with Tyler McGladdery top scoring with 45.

Ormskirk elected to bat against Leigh and were quickly bowled out for just 84, thanks to a fine spell of bowling from Finnegan Hulbert 5-33 and Lewis Pearson 3-22.

In reply an unbeaten 21* from skipper Tom Foster helped lead his side to 87-2 to wrap up victory.

Third placed Formby got back to winning ways with a comfortable 75 run home win against bottom of the table Highfield.

Formby chose to bat and an unbeaten century from Lancashire's Karl Brown 100* (14x4 & 1x6) plus an unbeaten 79* from skipper James Seward enabled Formby to declare on 224-2.

In reply Owais Shah scored half his side's runs with 76 as the visitors were dismissed for 149, with Lukman Vahaluwala 3-32 and Sabbir Patel 3-53 doing most of the damage with the ball.

Fourth placed Bootle lost a high scoring match at Colwyn Bay by six wickets, the visitors were put in to bat and thanks to half centuries from Sam Kershaw 56, Neil Williams 54*, Vishal Tripathi 54 and Michael Farrell 51 were able to declare on 261-8 with Adam Campion claiming 3-91.

In reply, 96* from Dineth Hewathanthree, 61* from skipper Sion Morris, 60 from Zac Gidlow and 32 from Will Higginson helped the hosts to 264-4 to wrap up victory, with Bharat Tripathi taking 3-106.

This weekend's local LDCC fixtures (noon start): Bootle v Rainhill, Formby v Lytham, Northern v Ormskirk, Burscough v Fleetwood Hesketh, Liverpool v S&B, Orrell RT v Ainsdale, Southport Trinity v Hightown St Mary's and Spring View v Maghull.

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The Health Careers Academy will offer a unique opportunity to train a future workforce including work experience, guest speakers, workshops, seminars and mentoring from lead health care professionals.
As part of this new provision, the college also has ambitious plans to open a School of Medicine in September 2019. The 2-year programme will offer young people the opportunity to Study A Levels – Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths at their state-of-the art campus. The School of Medicine is one of the first of its kind in the North West and will include access to a variety of roles within the medical industry with placements being offered alongside Doctors, Nurses, Pharmacists, Paramedics and Clinical Practitioners.

Denise Williamson, Principal, said "We are delighted to be able to offer so many fabulous opportunities to local people. The new Health Careers Academy and subsequent School of Medicine has been designed for the benefit of young people and adults as part of our ambition to meet the needs of local and regional employers as well as unlock potential through learning."

Nicola Baxter, Head of Medicines Optimisation, West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) added "West Lancashire CCG, partnered with West Lancashire College are committed to growing our own work force particularly in health care.

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Members of the college management team were joined by governors, local employers, stakeholders and colleagues, who have supported the college in the development of the new centre.

Mark Whitworth, Chief Executive Officer of Peel Ports Group and Chair of the College Board officially opened the Centre, and visitors had a tour of the new facility. Graylaw Freight, who are supporting the college in the development of a Logistics Hub, also showcased their freight fleet.

The new Centre provides facilities in which carpenters, bricklayers, electricians, engineers, motor mechanics, logistics operatives, plasterers and plumbers of the future can learn their skills in realistic working environments. It's crucial that the college caters for the needs of the young people and adults of the region, enabling them to gain the vocational skills that employers expect. The new Centre is central to delivering the college's ambition of growth in Apprenticeship provision, development of a Logistics Hub, and will meet local employment priorities.

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BUSINESS							
Business Management HNC	Tue & Wed	7pm-9pm	18 mths	£6,000	SC	04/09/2018	SLC
Business Management HNC	Flexible	Flexible	45 wks	£6,000*	SC	04/09/2018	SLC
Customer Service & Preparation for Work an Introduction	CFD	CFD	CFD	CFD	SC	CFD	N
CARPENTRY & JOINERY							
Carpentry & Joinery Diploma Level 3 (City & Guilds)	Full Time	Full Time	1 yr	CFD	SC	03/09/2018	Y
Site Carpentry & Joinery Diploma Level 2 (L2LE)	Tue & Wed	6pm-9pm	34 wks	£1,287	SC	11/09/2018	N
CONSTRUCTION							
Property Maintenance (Bricklaying, Plastering, Joinery & Plumbing) ☎	Wed	6pm-9pm	7 wks	£30*	SC	Jan/Apr 2019	N
Plastering Introduction ☎	Tue	6pm-9pm	7 wks	£30*	SC	Jan/Apr 2019	N
COUNSELLING							
Counselling Introduction ☎	Thur	6pm-9pm	10 wks	£50*	SC	13/09/2018	N
Counselling Introduction ☎	Thur	6pm-9pm	10 wks	£50*	SC	Jan 2019	N
Counselling Introduction ☎	Thur	6pm-9pm	10 wks	£50*	SC	Apr 2019	N
Counselling Skills Award Level 2 ABC	Tue	5.30pm-9pm	34 wks	£150	SC	11/09/2018	N
Counselling Skills Certificate Level 2 ABC	Tue	9.30am-1pm	34 wks	£362	SC	11/09/2018	N
Counselling Skills Certificate Level 3 ABC	Wed	5.30pm-9pm	34 wks	£811	SC	12/09/2018	Y
Counselling Therapeutic Diploma Level 4	Tue	2pm-9pm	2 yrs	£2,882	SC	04/09/2018	Y
CREATIVE ARTS, PHOTOGRAPHY & DIGITAL							
Photography HNC	Tue & Wed	7pm-9pm	18 mths	£6,000	SC	04/09/2018	SLC
Silk Painting and Batik Workshops ☎	Mon	10am-4pm	8 wks	£30*	SC	10/09/2018 12/11/2018 28/01/2019	N
Pottery and Introduction ☎	Tue	6pm-9pm	8 wks	£30*	SC	11/09/2018 13/11/2018 29/01/2019	N
Introduction to Photoshop ☎	Tue	7pm-9pm	10 wks	£20*	SC	11/09/2018	N

Course Title	Day	Time	Duration	Fee	Location	Start Date	Loans
CREATIVE ARTS, PHOTOGRAPHY & DIGITAL							
Introduction to Premier Pro ☎	Wed	7pm-9pm	10 wks	£20*	SC	12/09/2018	N
Introduction to InDesign ☎	Mon	7pm-9pm	10 wks	£20*	SC	10/09/2018	N
Interior Design an Introduction ☎	Mon	6pm-9pm	10 wks	£20*	SC	10/09/2018	N
Digital Photography ☎	Mon or Tue	6pm-9pm	10 wks	£30*	SC	10/09/18 or 11/09/18	N
Introduction to Drawing ☎	Wed	6pm-9pm	10 wks	£20*	SC	12/09/2018	N
Introduction to Art Practise & Techniques ☎	Tue	6pm-9pm	10 wks	£20*	SC	11/09/2018	N
DRESSMAKING / TEXTILES							
Dressmaking an Introduction ☎	Tue	6pm-9pm	10 wks	£75* (Inc intro kit)	SC	11/09/2018	N
Intermediate Garment Design & Making ☎	Wed	6pm-9pm	10 wks	£50*	SC	12/09/2018	N
Patchwork Quilting ☎	Fri	10am-3.30pm	10 wks	£30	SC	14/09/2018	N
Mixed Media Embroidery ☎ (This course is suitable for people who have basic to intermediate sewing skills and are interested in creative stitching.)	Wed	10am-3.30pm	10 wks	£30*	SC	12/09/2018	N
ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION							
Electrical Installations Diploma (Buildings & Structures) Level 2 (City & Guilds) (L2LE)	Tue & Wed	6pm-9pm	34 wks	£1,287	SC	11/09/2018	N
Electrical Installations Diploma (Buildings & Structures) Level 3 (City & Guilds)	Tue & Wed	6pm-9pm	34 wks	£3,345	SC	11/09/2018	Y
Electrical 18th Edition FULL COST	3 days	CFD	3 days	£475	SC	CFD	N
ENGLISH							
English for Adults (Assessment Required)	Tue	6.30pm-8.30pm	Flexible	FREE	SC	11/09/2018	N
English for Adults (Assessment Required)	Various	Various	Flexible	FREE	SC	10/09/2018	N
English Language GCSE (Assessment Required)	Tue	6.30pm-8.30pm	30 wks	£50 NFW	SC	11/09/2018	N
ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)							
English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)(Assessment Required)	Tue or Wed	9.30am-12noon or 6pm-8.30pm	30 wks	FREE	SC	11/09/2018 or 12/09/2018	N
FOUNDATION DEGREES							
Health & Social Care Foundation Degree (UCLan) (Course approved by the University of Central Lancashire UCLan)	Full Time	Full Time	2 yrs	£7,000 per year	SC	17/09/2018	SLC
Health & Social Care Foundation Degree (UCLan)(Course approved by the University of Central Lancashire UCLan)	Part Time	Part Time	3 yrs	£3,600 per year	SC	17/09/2018	SLC
FIRST AID							
Emergency First Aid at Work Award Level 3 FULL COST	Wed	9am-4pm	1 day	CFD	SC Workplace	12/09/2018 31/10/2018 05/12/2018	N
Emergency Paediatric First Aid Award Level 3 FULL COST	Wed	9am-4pm	1 day	CFD	SC Workplace	19/09/2018 07/11/2018 12/12/2018	N
GCSEs							
English Language GCSE (Assessment Required)	Tue	6.30pm-8.30pm	30 wks	£50 NFW	SC	11/09/2018	N
Maths GCSE (Assessment Required)	Wed	6.30pm-8.30pm	30 wks	£50 NFW	SC	12/09/2018	N
HAIRDRESSING & BARBERING							
Hairdressing Introduction Level 1	Thur	9.30am-3pm	18 wks	£470	SC	13/09/2018	N
Hairdressing Certificate Level 2 C&G (L2LE)	Tue & Wed	5pm-9pm	34 wks	£595	SC	12/09/2018	N
Hairdressing Certificate Level 3 C&G	Tue & Wed	5pm-9pm	34 wks	£1,645	SC	12/09/2018	Y
Balayage Techniques FULL COST	Mon	10am-5pm	1 day	£150	SC	11/10/2018	N
Classic Cutting Course FULL COST	Mon	10am-5pm	1 day	£125	SC	29/04/2019	N
Barbering Level 2 (L2LE)	Wed	3.30pm-9pm	18 wks	£495	SC	12/09/2018	N
HEALTH & SAFETY							
Health & Safety in the Workplace Award Level 2 FULL COST	Wed	9am-4pm	1 day	CFD	SC Workplace	29/09/2018 07/11/2018	N
Principles of COSHH Award Level 2 FULL COST	Wed	1pm-4.30pm	½ day	CFD	SC Workplace	10/10/2018 07/11/2018	N
Fire Safety Award Level 2 FULL COST	Wed	9am-4pm	½ day	CFD	SC	17/10/2018 12/12/2018	N
Safe Moving and Handling Award Level 2 FULL COST	Wed	1pm-4.30pm	½ day	CFD	SC	24/10/2018 19/10/2018	N
HIGHER NATIONAL CERTIFICATES/DIPLOMAS							
Business Management HNC	Full Time	Full Time	1 yr	£6,000	SC	03/09/2018	SLC
Business Management HNC	Flexible	Flexible	45 wks	£6,000	SC	04/09/2018	SLC
Business Management HNC	Tue & Wed	7pm-9pm	18 mths	£6,000	SC	04/09/2018	SLC
Photography HNC	Tue & Wed	7pm-9pm	18 mths	£6,000	SC	04/09/2018	SLC
Performing Arts HNC	Tue & Wed	7pm-9pm	18 mths	£6,000	SC	04/09/2018	SLC

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ENROLMENT DATES

Full time, part time day or night school courses:

- **Tuesday 28 August 10am-7pm**
- **Wednesday 29 August 10am-7pm**
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Friday 31 August 10am-3pm

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Course Title	Day	Time	Duration	Fee	Location	Start Date	Loans
HOSPITALITY AND CATERING							
Patisserie (General) Certificate Level 2 City & Guilds (L2LE)	Mon	9am-3pm	8 wks	£199	SC	10/09/2018 12/11/2018 28/01/2018	N
The Works Cookery School ☎	Sat	9.30am-3.30pm	1 day	£90*	SC	03/11/2018 26/01/2019 30/03/2019	N
Cake Decorating Wire Sugar Flowers ☎	Tue	6pm-8.30pm	7 wks	£35*	SC	11/09/2018	N
Cake Decorating Improvers ☎	Wed	6pm-8.30pm	7 wks	£35*	SC	12/09/2018	N
IT & COMPUTING							
ECDL Essentials	Tue	5.30pm-8.30pm	12 wks	£99	SC	11/09/2018	N
ECDL Extra	Tue	5.30pm-8.30pm	18 wks	£99	SC	08/01/2019	N
IT for Beginners ☎	Tue	5.30pm-8.30pm	8 wks	£20*	SC	11/09/2018 13/11/2018 29/01/2019	N
LEARNING DIFFICULTIES & DISABILITIES - PROGRAMMES FOR PROGRESSION							
Get Work Ready (Additional fee payable of £120)	Mon	9am-1pm	12 wks	£150	SC	17/09/2018	N
Independent Living Skills (Additional fee payable of £120)	Wed	1pm-5pm	12 wks	£150	SC	19/09/2018	N
Healthy Living and Wellbeing (Additional fee payable of £120)	Mon	10am-3pm	12 wks	£150	SC	07/01/2019	N
Independent Travel Training (Additional fee payable of £50)	Wed	10am-12noon	11 wks	£150	SC	09/01/2019	N
MATHS							
Maths for Adults (Assessment Required)	Various	Various	Flexible	FREE	SC	10/09/2018	N
Maths for Adults (Assessment Required)	Wed	6.30pm-8.30pm	Flexible	FREE	SC	12/09/2018	N
Maths GCSE (Assessment Required)	Wed	6.30pm-8.30pm	30 wks	£50 NFW	SC	12/09/2018	N
MEDIA MAKE-UP							
Media Make-up Award Level 2 City & Guilds	Wed	6pm-9pm	10 wks	£97	SC	12/09/2018 09/01/2019 24/04/2019	N N N
MOTOR VEHICLE							
Hybrid Training FULL COST	1 day	CFD	1 day	CFD	SC	CFD	N
MUSIC							
Guitar Beginners ☎	Mon	11am-12noon or 6pm-7pm	10 wks	£35*	SC	10/09/2018	N
Guitar Workshop ☎	Mon	2pm-4pm	10 wks	£35*	SC	10/09/2018	N
Ukulele for Beginners ☎	Tue	7pm-9pm	10 wks	£20*	SC	11/09/2018	N
Guitar Intermediate ☎	Mon	7pm-8pm	10 wks	£50*	SC	10/09/2018	N
Sultans of String ☎	Tue	7pm-9pm	8 wks	£50*	SC	11/09/2018	N
The Jimmi Hendrix Experience ☎	Thur	7pm-9pm	8 wks	£50*	SC	13/09/2018	N
PERFORMING ARTS, DANCE & PERFORMANCE							
Come Strictly Dancing ☎	Wed	6.30pm-8pm	10 wks	£20*	SC	12/09/2018	N
Introduction to Dance ☎	Thur	6.30pm-8.30pm	6 wks	£20*	SC	13/09/2018	N
Acting ☎	Thur	6pm-9pm	10 wks	£25*	SC	13/09/2018	N
PLASTERING							
Plastering Diploma Level 2 City & Guilds ☎ (L2LE)	Tue & Wed	6pm-9pm	34 wks	£1,287	SC	11/09/2018	N
Plastering Introduction	Tue	6pm-9pm	7 wks	£30*	SC	Jan/Apr 2019	N
PLUMBING							
Plumbing Level 2 City & Guilds (L2LE)	Tue & Wed	6pm-9pm	34 wks	£1,287	SC	11/09/2018	N
Unvented & vented hot water training FULL COST	2 days	CFD	2 days	£200	SC	CFD	N
Water Regulations Training FULL COST	1 day	CFD	1 day	£195	SC	CFD	N
SPORTS							
Sports Massage Therapy Level 3	Tue	6pm-9pm	30 wks	£2,225	SC	11/09/2018	Y
Sports Massage Therapy Level 4	Wed	6pm-9pm	30 wks	£811	SC	12/09/2018	Y
Fitness Instructor Level 2 (L2LE)	Tue	6pm-9pm	30 wks	£362	SC	11/09/2018	N
TEACHING ASSISTANTS							
Supporting Teaching & Learning Certificate Level 2 CACHE NCFE	Tue	9am-12noon	34 wks	£633	SC	11/09/2018	N
Supporting Teaching & Learning Certificate Level 2 CACHE NCFE	Tue	6pm-9pm	34 wks	£633	SC	11/09/2018	N
Supporting Teaching & Learning in Schools Level 3 Certificate CACHE NCFE	Tue	9am-1pm	34 wks	£1,417	SC	11/09/2018	Y

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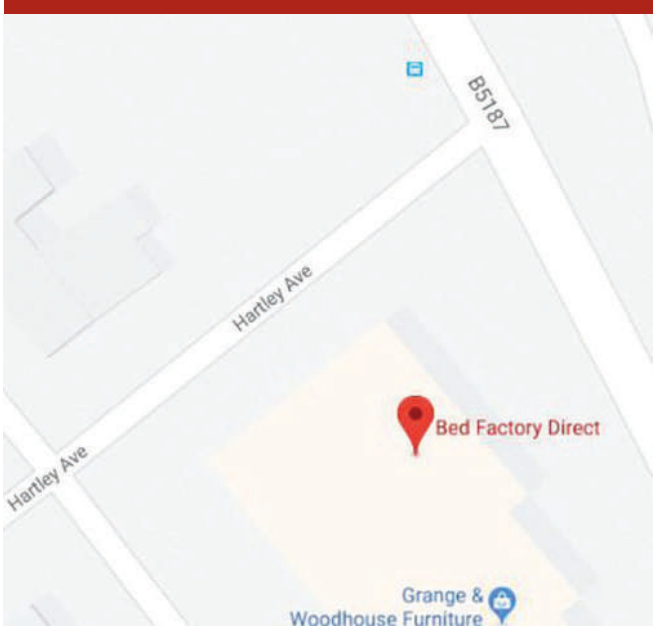

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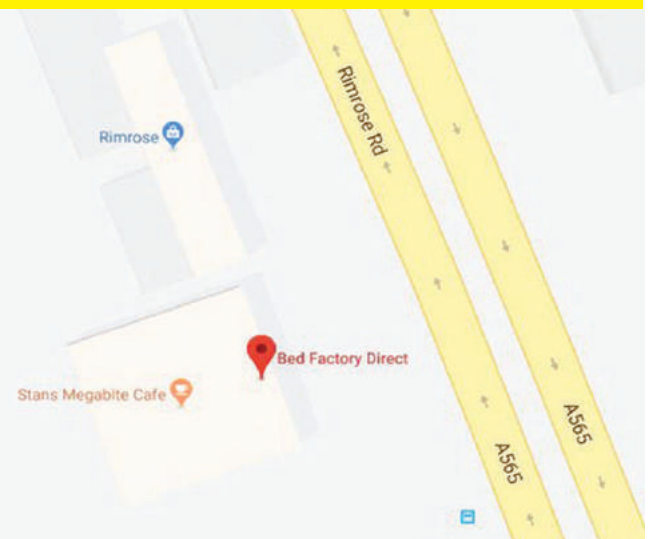

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